

Role of defence chief emphasized in top services appointments

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

There will be a widespread changing of the guard among the holders of the highest appointments in the British armed services during the second half of this year.

The changes include the appointment of Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse to succeed Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall as Chief of the Defence Staff in November. They also involve the appointment of new chiefs of staff of the individual services, and of many of their senior commanders.

They arise from the need to appoint successors as existing tenures of office expire. Most of the changes are expected to be announced next month, possibly by Field Marshal Bramall personally. This would have the effect of publicly demonstrating the enhanced status of the Chief of Defence Staff under the reorganization which Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, brought into effect on January 2.

The selection of Sir John Fieldhouse, at present Chief of Naval Staff, to succeed Field Marshal Bramall was forecast in *The Times* last April. On taking up his new appointment he is expected to be promoted to Admiral of the Fleet.

Working closely with Sir John will be Air Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, at present Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Royal Air Force Germany, who

is expected to be promoted to Air Chief Marshal on his appointment as Vice Chief of the Defence Staff.

One of the more unexpected moves is the planned departure of Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding to become Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, RAF Strike Command, after only about 10 months as Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff. The decision to give him the RAF's most senior command outside the Ministry of Defence is widely seen as part of a process of grooming him to become in due course Chief of the Air Staff, and possibly, ultimately, Chief of Defence Staff.

There will be the following other changes within the individual services:

Royal Navy: Admiral Sir William Staveley, to be Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord. He will be succeeded as Commander-in-Chief Fleet by Vice-Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt, at present Flag Officer, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Next month Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Stanford, until recently Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff, takes over as C-in-C Navy Home Command. Both Sir Peter and Sir Nicholas will be promoted to Admiral.

Army: General Sir Nigel Bagnall is to be Chief of the General Staff, and will be succeeded as Commander-in-Chief, British Army of the Rhine by Lieutenant-General Sir Martin Farndale, who in turn will be succeeded as Commander-in-Chief (British) Corps in Germany by Major-General Brian Kenny, it was announced yesterday. Sir Martin will be promoted to General, and Major-General Kenny to Lieutenant-General.

Royal Air Force: Air Chief Marshal Sir David Craig is to become Chief of the Air Staff, being succeeded as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Strike Command, by Air Chief Marshal Harding.



Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of Defence Staff designate.

Brighton bomb aftermath

Tebbit paces return to duties

By Robin Young

Mr Norman Tebbit Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was able to relax last night at a guest evening in the officers' mess at RAF Halton, his temporary home since he left Stoke Mandeville hospital, secure in the knowledge that he had paced himself sensibly and successfully through his first full week at Westminster since the Brighton bombing.

Mr Tebbit has attended the House of Commons twice to speak since first reappearing for Prime Minister's question time a week last Thursday. On Tuesday he was in good

knockabout form for his statement on the sale of British Aerospace. On Thursday he led the debate on regional policy, and that night returned to the House to vote in the ten o'clock division.

Within his department, Mr Tebbit spent the week meeting senior officials and bringing himself up-to-date. In a series of meetings he saw all his junior ministers, with the exception of Mr Geoffrey Pattie, who is in the United States, met his two joint permanent secretaries, Sir Anthony Rawlinson and Sir

Brian Hayes, and other senior departmental personnel. He attended Thursday's Cabinet meeting, and though he generally avoided luncheon and evening engagements he was at the Prime Minister's reception for members of the provincial Press on Monday, and at the lobby correspondents' post-Christmas party on Thursday night.

He has not been working the extremely long hours that senior Cabinet ministers usually put in, but he did attend the office every working day.

The Government Chief Whip, Mr John Wakeham, aged 52, spoke with emotion yesterday about the IRA terrorists who murdered his wife in the Brighton bombing last year.

"They are lunatics; they are mad," he said. "But I must allow myself to be bitter. It would ruin everything."

He was speaking during his first visit in his constituency in Essex since his wife Roberta, aged 45, died three months ago. Mr Wakeham, MP for Colchester South and Maldon, added at his house in Maldon: "In spite of the terrible events, I have tried in my personal tragedy to keep bitterness out. I look on them as wicked, terrible and mad."

Saying that the pain from his injuries was "blindingly awful" at times, he confirmed that surgeons would have to amputate his legs. They were badly crushed between the knee and ankle when he was trapped for seven hours after falling through four floors of the Grand Hotel.

Hattersley attack on far left widens rift

By Our Political Reporter

The rift between the Labour leadership and the far left of the parliamentary party widened sharply last night when Mr Roy Hattersley accused the MPs who brought the Commons to a standstill on Thursday of shooting the party in the foot and damaging its electoral prospects.

MPs involved in the demonstration, staged in an attempt to force the Government to hold a debate on the miners' strike, have indicated that further disruption could be expected, and Labour's deputy leader said their action was "a nonsense". It had damaged Labour, damaged the miners' cause, and damaged the people who did it.

Mr Hattersley, in an interview on the channel Four programme, *Week in Politics*, praised Mr Kinnoch's "exemplary leadership" in repudiating the protesters.

"What Mr Kinnoch did yesterday evening was brave, right, acclaimed by the rest of the parliamentary party, improved his standing," he said.

Labour suffered a further Commons embarrassment yesterday when three alliance MPs took advantage of the absence of all Labour MPs from the chamber during the debate on a Bill on small businesses to take over the Opposition front bench for 10 minutes.

Two American museums sell Old Masters

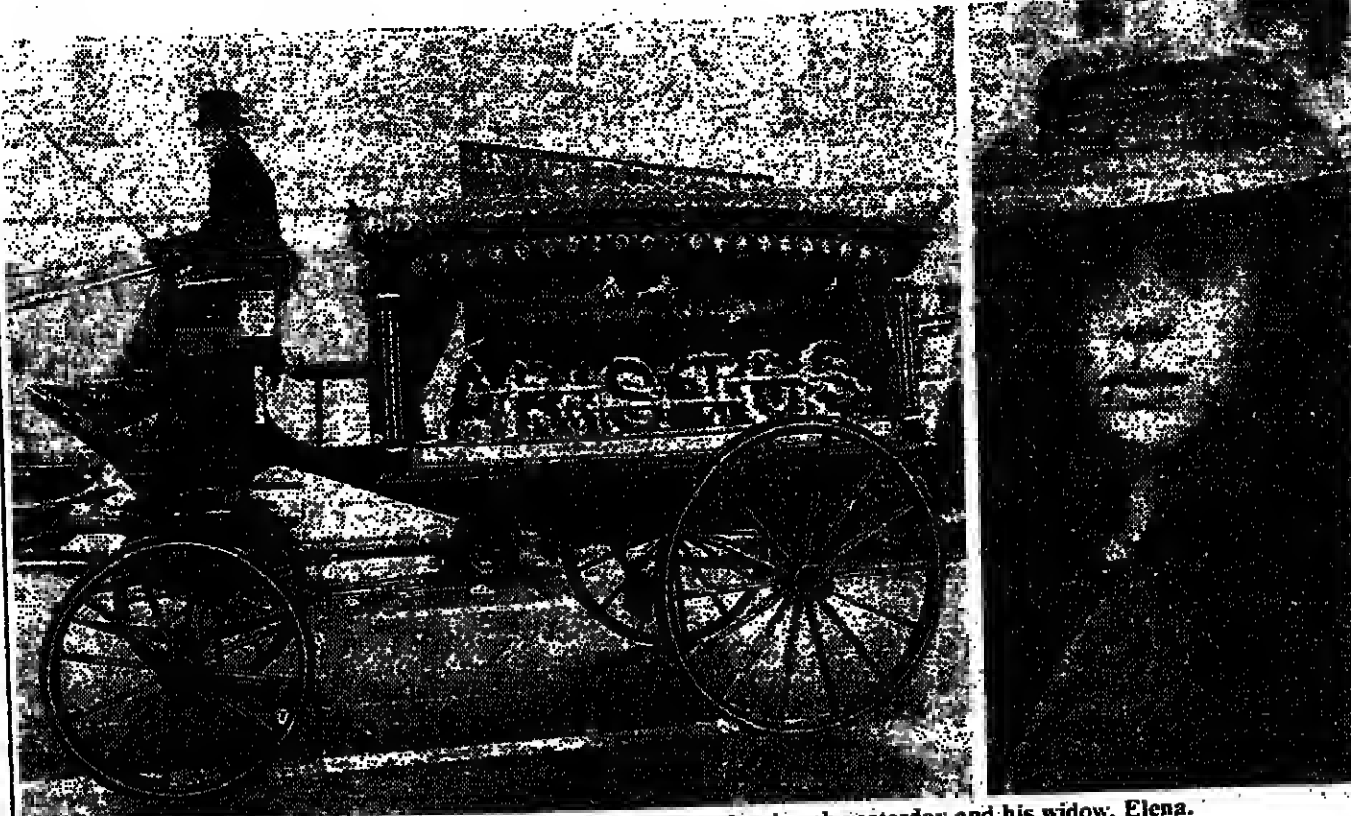
By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's sale of Old Master pictures in New York on Thursday showed that collectors were starting the new year in a choosy mood, with 30 per cent left unsold and a total of £3.2 million.

The Herbert S. Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell University sent a fine "View of Brazil" by Frans Post, dated 1667, for sale. It made \$330,000 (estimate \$200,000-\$300,000) or £239,473. It was bought by a private collector.

The Savannah College of Art and Design sold a Van Dyck in aid of its building development fund.



Mr Constantinou's horse-drawn hearse leaving the church yesterday and his widow, Elena.

Fashion chief 'was victim of jealousy'

The murdered fashion designer Aristos Constantinou, was a victim of jealousy, a Greek Orthodox bishop said yesterday at his funeral.

The police are still hunting the killers of Mr Constantinou, who was shot seven times in the private chapel of his £2 million home in The Bishop's Avenue.

Hampstead, north London, early on New Year's Day. He was killed by an Italian-made pistol with 30-year-old silver-coloured bullets.

The police believe it could have been a burglary that went wrong, but they have not ruled out a business vendetta against Mr Constantinou, the head of

Aricella Fashions Company. Yesterday, as 300 mourners attended the service in St Mary's Church in north London, the bishop the Right Rev Gregorios Drobaou, spoke out against the killers. "Many people were jealous of him; they imitated his initials and his designs", he said. "He became

famous and wealthy enough to make him a target". The body was borne two miles to Edmonton Cemetery by a carriage with four black-plumed horses with muffled hooves, in accordance with Greek custom.

The family has offered £10,000 for information leading to the conviction of the murderers.

Crime up 8%, Yard estimates

By Stewart Tandler

Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard is projecting a rise of 8 per cent for serious recorded crime in London last year and laying part of the blame on the manpower decrease of the miners' dispute.

The projection, final figures will not be available for some weeks, is included in a report on policing strategy in London sent to the Home Office by Sir Kenneth Newman, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, for the new year.

The report shows that after a drop of 4 per cent in crime in 1983 the indications are that last year it began to climb again based on the returns for the period up to the end of October. It is expected that crimes of violence will rise by 5 per cent; sexual offences by 4 per cent; robbery by 11 per cent; burglary by 12 per cent and 4 per cent for theft.

Within the robbery group street crime, or muggings, rose by 7 per cent in the first three quarters of last year. The report notes that the projections seem to be in line with national trends and would mean 50,000 extra offences, taking the London figures to more than 700,000 for the first time.

Under the heading of recorded crime Sir Kenneth noted that between March 12 and October 28 last year his officers performed 173,958 days of duty linked to the miners' dispute. Looking at the area of clear-up rates, which has led to criticism of the police because of bad performances, the report said that the percentage of offences effected is likely to be 17 per cent in 1983.

However, there has been a 28 per cent increase in the clear-up rates for burglaries of homes.

Children sniff new substances

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Dangerous new variations on the glue-sniffing craze, including the release of fire extinguishers into the street, were described yesterday as a government-backed measure to ban the sale of solvents for sniffing to children under 18 passed its second reading.

Mr Neville Trotter, Conservative MP for Tynemouth, in introducing the Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill, said that the use of aerosols had become distressingly frequent and that in some parts of Britain children were sniffing glue from cycle puncture repair

kits and burning paint chip-pings. Mr Trotter told of a young man he had met at a Newcastle clinic who had told him he sniffed a litre of glue a day. He sniffed for 13 hours a day. It was a full-time occupation, Mr Trotter said.

The Bill, which imposes maximum penalties of six months imprisonment or a fine of £2,000 for the unlawful supply of solvents to children, goes further than that envisaged by Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, last May when he indicated that the Government

would back a private member's measure. But Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, made clear that the Government supported it as one of the initiatives that might make it possible eventually to contain, control and eradicate a phenomenon which had highlighted the lives of many young people.

He said that the Government believed the prime response must be through education and persuasion, and that to criminalise glue sniffing would be counter-productive. Parliament, page 4

Striking miners to visit housebound elderly

Striking miners in south Wales were yesterday organizing a system to keep watch on old people in showbound valley communities.

The National Union of Mineworkers' area headquarters at Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, called on its pickets to spend an hour after their duty shifts checking on the elderly. Convoys taking iron ore and coal to the Llanwern steelworks in Gwent were cancelled because of bad weather. They have been making the 40-mile trip from Port Talbot five times a day after rail staff refused to cross miners' picket lines.

In an attack from a bridge, clusters of 200 nails were scattered across the road near Bold Colliery, St Helens, Merseyside. They damaged tyres of five cars belonging to working miners.

Western area coal board officials claimed that four men wearing balaclava helmets were seen on the bridge near the pit soon after the nails were discovered.

A National Coal Board spokesman, Mr John Harris, said: "Clusters of 200 nails were welded together while others were pushed through beer mats and alloy sheeting so they pointed upwards."

"Obviously, someone had gone to a lot of trouble to cause this damage and it is yet more evidence of the total irresponsibility and mindless vandalism of the miners' strike."

Forty-nine miners at Sutton Manor colliery, St Helens, were mass returned to work at 11.30.

A coal board official said: "We have previously had the men returning in twos and threes, and even half a dozen. But never before have 49 men joined together to make a return."

After being away for so long, the men were given a kind of refresher course, so they could get their 'pit legs' back and used to the dark again."

Police bill now over £200m

The extra cost of policing the miners' dispute has now exceeded £200 million, and there have been 9,187 arrests. Courts have sent 127 people to prison, and 23 to detention centres, Peter Evans, Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes.

The longest custodial sentence so far imposed is five years. About 2,000 have been freed, of whom 149 have had to pay £200 or more.

There have been 7,514 people charged, 5,387 dealt with, 4,282 convicted and 1,105 acquitted. Most charges have been of breach of the peace (3,861), then obstructing police (1,644) and criminal damage (958). Three people have been accused of murder, 15 of arson, 137 of riot, 382 of actual bodily harm and 38 of grievous bodily harm.

The policing cost includes the figure, prepared for the Association of County Councils, of £165 million up to the end of December.

Denial of church rift on VE Day service

By Philip Webster

and Clifford Longley

Senior ministers are expecting a national ecumenical church service to mark the fortieth anniversary of the end of the war in Europe. A commemoration at St Paul's or Westminster Abbey is being considered by the Government.

Plans have yet to be made final, but suggestions that the Prime Minister is opposed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, leading the service were rejected yesterday. Indeed, Whitehall sources said it was inconceivable that the archbishop, as Primate of All England, would not do so.

The suggestion that Dr Runcie might not be asked to take the proposed service arose over the dissatisfaction of several Conservative MPs, which was shared by the Prime Minister, over the tone of his sermon during the St Paul's service in 1982 marking the end of the Falklands war.

Mr John Stokes, Conservative MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge, asked Mr John Biffen in the Commons on Thursday to ensure if there was a service that the church did not let the nation down.

But sources said yesterday that the two occasions were not strictly comparable. The emphasis in the VE Day celebration will be on honouring the dead and the reconciliation which has been achieved since the war, and not on a recently won military triumph.

The Conservative backbench gossip about a clash between the Prime Minister and Dr Runcie was also dismissed by Lambeth Palace as "absurd and mischievous".

Sources close to the archbishop said Mrs Margaret Thatcher had never conveyed any criticism to Dr Runcie over his sermon at the Falklands service, but, on the contrary, had praised him for it.

There has, nevertheless, been little or no traffic between the Government and the Church of England about what form such a service might take, and the church understands the Government as not yet having made up its mind.

Like the Falklands service, however, the church could prefer an ecumenical, even under Anglican auspices. To such a case Dr Runcie would be the obvious choice as preacher. Any service's form and content would be the church's responsibility, not the Government's. If St Paul's was chosen, for instance, it would be for the Dean and Chapter to invite the main participants.

It is pointed out in church circles that Dr Runcie is no pacifist, and has a distinguished war record.

Under the command of Major "William" Whitelaw, Lieutenant Robert Runcie of the Scots Guards saw action in Normandy in 1944 and in the advance on the Rhine.

In the course of fierce fighting he rescued a colleague from a burning tank under fire and the next day the Churchill tank he commanded took part in an action for which he was awarded the Military Cross.

The official citation stated that three British tanks were hit during an attack on Winneken-donk and Lieutenant Runcie "unhesitatingly" ordered his own tank into the open to engage the German guns.

Waite is given Libyan promise on detainees

By Richard Dowden

Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, is leaving Libya today, having obtained a promise from senior officials that a decision on the fate of the four British detainees would be made before the middle of next month.

Mr Waite said yesterday: "I understand there will be no announcement about the release of the British detainees until the meeting of General People's Congress has taken place."

That congress, which gathers the opinions of local congresses, is to assemble during the first part of February. Not all the local congresses have ended yet, and their opinions may be swayed by the outcome of the forthcoming trials of six Libyans in Britain on bombing charges.

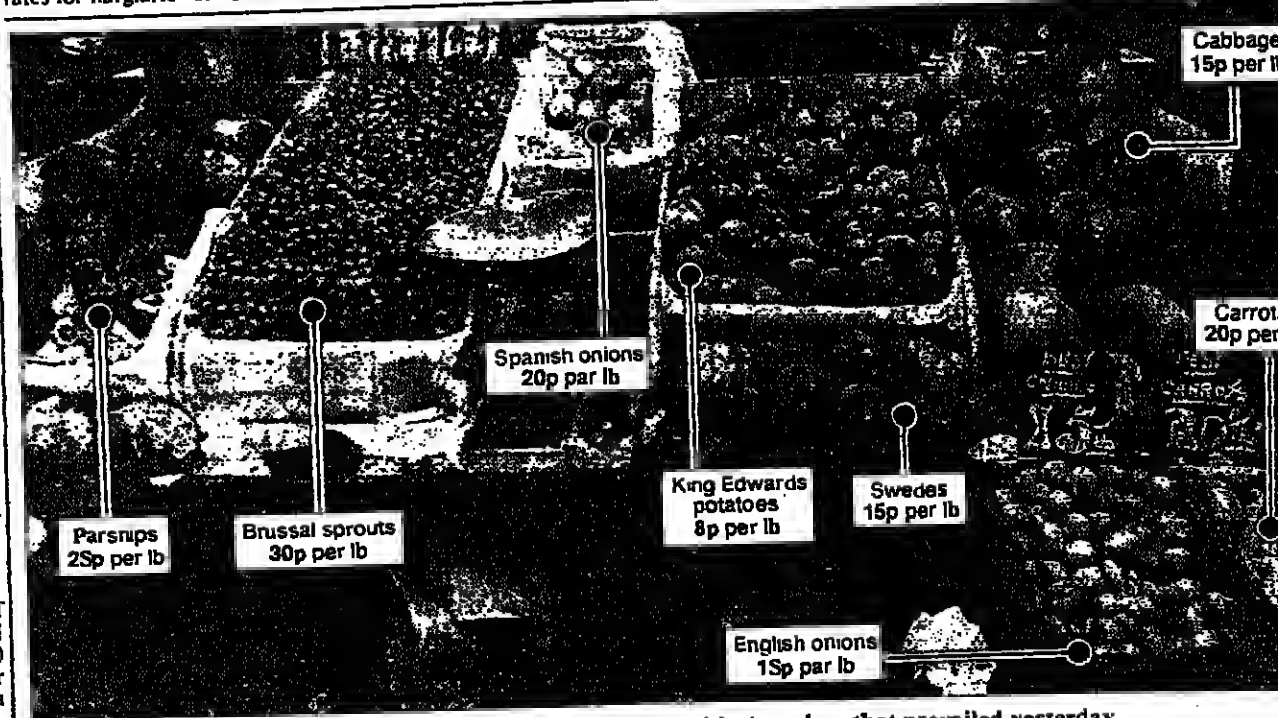
Mr Waite spent Thursday with the four detainees at their new accommodation outside Tripoli. "It was a very relaxed day," he said. "I felt that their conditions were much more pleasant than they have been. The food is good and they have radio and television and are allowed to walk out into the compound."

With Mr Waite was Mrs Pat Plummer who was able to see her husband, Robin, twice during her three-day visit.

At present the men share two rooms, but two others are being prepared, so they will soon have rooms to themselves.

Mr Waite is not returning to Britain but is going to an undisclosed destination for a few days' rest.

The Times overseas selling prices: Australia 60p, Canada 70p, Hong Kong 80p, India 90p, Japan 100p, New Zealand 110p, South Africa 120p, USA 130p, West Indies 140p, etc.



Mr Fiveash's stall in south London with the prices that prevailed yesterday.

Frost sends vegetable prices soaring

Vegetable farmers fear that the frost and blizzards that have affected their crops as badly as the appalling winter of 1963 and say the full extent of the damage will not be known until the thaw starts.

But as vegetable prices soared, supplies ran low. Some farmers resorted to hacking their crops out of the frozen ground and one farmer admitted last night he would rather sell to the Continent for a quick profit.

Mr Frederick Gedney, Lincolnshire, said he had been selling Brussels sprouts for the first time to the Continent for double the price they would reach in Britain.

"Other European countries hit by the bad weather have been crying out for fresh vegetables and they are prepared to pay a price the British will not Mr Gedney said.

The price of sprouts, parsnips, swedes and carrots have doubled in the past two weeks in Britain. Vegetables such as turnips and leeks have practically disappeared from shops.

Salad and fruit, mostly imported, have been barely affected by the freezing weather, but Britain grows 77 per cent of vegetables consumed here and it could take a month or more after the thaw starts for supplies to get back to normal.

According to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Information Bureau consumers had been cosseted into expecting lower prices because of the mild autumn and early winter.

But one vegetable stall-holder, Mr William Fiveash, who has been running his stall at East Street market in Southwark, south London, for the past 25 years, said this year was

one of the worst he could remember. "Farming techniques have improved so much in recent years and still supplies are down, so the situation must be worse."

Of the vegetables shown here on his stall these are the reasons why the prices have soared: Parsnips (25p) and carrots (20p) a lb, both came from New Farm at Swaffham Fen in Cambridgeshire, where the farmer Mr Percy Watts, said he had been forced to employ extra hands to prize the frozen soil away from the crops once they had been cut out of the ground. His harvest is 10 per cent down this year.

Brussels sprouts (30p) came from Res Farm, where Mr Gedney said he was having to thaw his crops out with blow ladders. He was selling his sprouts to the wholesalers for

15p, but said he was selling them for double that price overseas. Potatoes (8p) came from Mr John Paine's farm in Romney Marsh, Kent, where he said he was selling them to the wholesalers for 2p. He said most potatoes had been lifted but were perishing on their way to market because of the cold spell.

Cabbage (15p) also came from Kent, where the Sandwich and District Growers Association said the harvesting of many cabbages had to stop on land covered with snow. Farmers could not tell which were ready for cutting and which were not.

Swede (15p) came from Devon or Cornwall, where the Society of Crop and Allied Traders in Penzance said that farmers were having difficulty getting produce to market. Yesterday roads west of Bodmin were closed by snow for a time.

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Hunt for solo uniform payroll

From Ronald

Police hunting the killer of two soldiers and a retired Army officer shot on Thursday during a payroll robbery near Ed- burg yesterday issued a description of a man in a uniform they want to interview.

The man was seen near the abandoned Army Land Rover in which the victims had been travelling.

Mr Hugh Watson, assistant constable of Leighton, who was on duty in Ed- burg, said he saw one of the men in a uniform of the South Wales Borderers at about 11.30 am on the morning of the robbery. One of the men was walking away from the Land Rover and towards the road.

Police said the man was a white man, about 30 years old, with dark hair, a high forehead and a serious expression. He was dressed in a dark jacket and trousers, and was carrying a bag.

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Council plan pay cut for TA duties

Greenwich council, which is planning to cut the pay of its employees, has announced that it will make a cut of 10 per cent in the pay of its Territorial Army (TA) reservists.

The council says that the cut is necessary to bring its pay rates into line with those of other local authorities. It says that the cut will be applied to all TA reservists who are not on full-time service.

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Hunt for man in soldier's uniform after payroll killings

From Ronald Fairs, Edinburgh

Police hunting the killer of two soldiers and a retired Army officer shot on Thursday during a payroll robbery near Edinburgh yesterday issued the description of a man in soldier's uniform they want in interview. The man was seen near an abandoned Army Land Rover in which the victims had been travelling.

Mr Hugh Watson, assistant chief constable of Lothian and Borders police, said in Edinburgh the man had been dressed in the uniform of one of the Scottish lowland regiments. Two witnesses saw him at about 10.15 am on the morning of the murders. One noticed him walking away from the Land Rover near Flotterstone Inn. The other said he was running towards the A702, the main Edinburgh to Carlisle road.

Police said the man was in his mid-20s, 5ft 8ins tall, clean shaven with dark hair. He did not appear to be carrying anything. He was dressed in olive-green jersey and trousers with gaiters and black boots and wore a Tam O'Shanter, the headdress of three lowland regiments.

Det Chief Supt Brian Cunningham said the murders had been a callous crime. There was no way of telling whether the man seen near the vehicle was a soldier or someone wearing a soldier's uniform. No one had

Driver is banned for death crash

Council plan pay cut for TA duties

Greenwich council, south-east London, which is Labour-controlled, is planning to dock the pay of its employees who take time off to go on territorial army exercises.

The council says that the decision, which will require union agreement, has been made to bring the part-time soldiers into line with employees who take unpaid time off to support peace campaigns at Greenwich Common.

A spokesman for the Greater London Territorial Army Association, Colonel William Scroggie, said: "This is the first we have heard of it. The TA is not aware of any other council in London that does this."

Sinclair to launch more powerful tricycle

By Our Motoring Correspondent

Sinclair Vehicles is ready to launch a more powerful version of its CS electrically-assisted tricycle, but it said last night that attempts by do-it-yourself enthusiasts to modify the existing model would ruin the motor and also make the vehicle illegal.

It is concerned by reports in trade papers suggesting that conversion kits can be bought for less than £10, which will double the speed from 15 mph to 30 mph, by connecting a second battery.

A Sinclair executive said: "By doubling the battery power you would quadruple the heat generated and the motor would probably blow up. In any event, 15 mph is the maximum permitted for an electrically-assisted cycle. Anything above that would make it illegal."

He said it was possible, however, to connect a second battery in parallel (as opposed to in series) to increase the range without overloading its electric.

Factory-modified versions of CS will be shown in a few weeks. They have been made necessary by plans to sell it in the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, where different vehicle regulations apply. They did not accept the 1983 amendments to



Mrs Maize with Nuraah and Dr Craft with Khalid and Khalil yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Triplets' mother answers test-tube critics

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The mother of test-tube triplets, who are celebrating their first birthday tomorrow, said yesterday that critics of in-vitro fertilization do not understand the happiness that the treatment has brought her and her family.

"The whole thing is a miracle," Mrs Anne Maize said. "I waited 10 years to have a child and to be given three at once is wonderful. This was my last hope."

However, Mrs Maize said she was in favour of laws being introduced to prevent abuses of IVF treatment and research. "A sensible framework is necessary to prevent the bizarre things that some people warn about ever becoming reality," she said.

Tomorrow Mrs Maize, aged 36, is taking her children, identical boys Khalid and Khalil, and daughter Nuraah, to a party of the Cromwell

Infertility treatment hit by cuts in NHS

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The medical team which has developed a treatment for overcoming infertility in women, using an infuser attached to the arm to deliver a missing hormone which controls ovulation, has become a victim of the spending squeeze at the National Health Service.

On the day that Mrs Rusemary Wood gave birth to twins with the aid of the method, Professor Howard Jacobs and his team at Middlessex Hospital, London, were told that no more beds would be available. The hospital beds are required to monitor the progress of their patients during the pregnancy.

Mothers of two children lose £50,000 earnings

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

A woman on average earnings who stops work to have two children loses £50,000 in lifetime earnings, a study published yesterday says.

Both families and society might do better if fathers took less well-paid jobs to share the chores and allow women to keep working, the study by Miss Heather Joshi, of the Centre for Economic Policy Research, concludes.

Women who stop for children frequently go back to lower paid and often part-time jobs, Miss Joshi, an economist, says. Often the work they take does not fully use their skills and training.

Big prizes in TV thriller contest

Viewers will be asked to try to solve a "whodunit" for huge cash prizes in *Murder in Space*, a mystery thriller which will go out on ITV in the autumn.

The author, even worked under a false name to protect his identity for fear of kidnapping or threats over the prizes.

Until the programme has been seen in all the countries where it has been sold, and national competitions to guess "whodunit" are closed, the secret ending will not be filmed.

Bewes banned

Rodney Bewes, aged 46, of Albertstone Road, Putney, south London, a star of the BBC television series *The Likely Lads*, was fined £300 and banned from driving for three years at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday. He admitted driving in Baker Street, west London, on December 20, with excess alcohol in his blood.

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Computer skills for young

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Teaching courses to help youngsters all over Britain to become acquainted with computers and electronics before seeking employment have been launched by the City and Guilds of London Institute.

Approved colleges will have to be equipped with microcom-

£1,000 fine for harming bat roost

A timber treatment firm was fined £1,000 yesterday for damaging the roost of a colony of whiskered bats.

Protim Services, of Bradford, West Yorkshire, which admitted the charge brought under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981, was also ordered to pay £350 towards prosecution costs.

Mr David Pedley, for the prosecution, told Sipton magistrates that the firm had been treating woodwork in the loft of a house in Grassington in which bats sheltered and had sprayed a lethal chemical substance on the timbers.

Dr Robert Stebbings, from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, said a colony had probably been present in the house for several hundred years. It probably comprised 200 creatures.

Family of four found dead

A family of four has been found dead from stab wounds at their home in Chestnut Drive, Bexleyheath, south-east London, Scotland Yard said yesterday.

They were Mr William Stacey, aged 37, his wife Rosemary, aged 31, and their sons Daniel, aged eight, and Lee, aged five. Police said that they were treating the deaths of the mother and children as murder but were seeking no suspects.

Sheikh buys grouse moor

Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid of Dubai has bought the 12,000-acre grouse moor at Bolli Hope Common in Wearside, County Durham, for £1 million.

The moor was sold by Captain Nigel Pease, of Sledwich Hall, Barnard Castle, and his brother Simon.

Fashanu fined

The former England Under-21 international footballer, Justin Fashanu, was fined a total of £66 and had his licence endorsed by Isle of Wight magistrates after admitting driving carelessly as he left the high-security Parkhurst Prison after visiting a friend.

Top police learn to run widespread inquiries

by Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A dozen senior detectives and police commanders return to the classroom tomorrow at the start of an extensive course on the skills of handling investigations such as that into the Yorkshire Ripper murders.

For the next five weeks men with the rank of assistant chief constable or commander in the Metropolitan Police are in the techniques and management of inquiries that may involve hundreds of officers spread across several forces. The students are the officers who would be designated to head such inquiries or appointed to co-ordinate operations across police boundaries.

At the Police Staff College, at Bramshill, Hampshire, in the next few weeks the officers will study techniques covering all the aspects of an operation and end with a four-day exercise based on a mock investigation.

The lecturers include Mr Andrew Sloan, Chief Constable of Bedfordshire, who took part in the inquiries into the Yorkshire Ripper case; Mr Kenneth Oxford, Chief Constable of Merseyside, a senior member of the Yard's anti-terrorist squad who will lecture on surveillance; experts on computer and management methods; and a psychologist.

The focus of the course is either a serious crime such as a murder or a series of incidents such as several child murders or several rapes. During the course officers will hear details of one such inquiry in the Home Counties last summer.

During the five weeks the officers will learn techniques developed in the past few years for the standardization of incident rooms so that several forces can work together efficiently. They will also evaluate the growing use of computers for storing information and statements.

The course covers the use of undercover operations and the technology that can be brought to bear. There are also studies for handling the media and "political considerations".

Saab claim success in ignition system

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Saab, the Swedish car and aircraft manufacturer, has patented a new type of engine ignition system for cars which, it claims, will substantially improve fuel consumption and power, yet is entirely maintenance-free.

If Saab has succeeded in overcoming the traditional conflict between more miles a gallon and higher engine output, it will be a bitter blow to existing ignition manufacturers, led by Bosch in West Germany and Lucas in Britain.

However, sources in those companies said yesterday that the Swedish development was still in the experimental stage and, on Saab's own admission, was two years away from full production.

The Saab direct injection system has no rotary parts, such as a distributor, to go wrong. The firing signal to the sparking plugs is triggered by an electronic sensor attached to the crankshaft.

But the biggest breakthrough is the replacement of water-sensitive high-tension leads carrying 25,000 volts by low-tension leads carrying only the car's standard 12-volt battery power.

This is increased in 40,000 volts by small coils attached directly to the top of each sparking plug and firing takes place up to 20 times faster than with conventional systems.

At the Stockholm Motor Show yesterday Saab engineers said that the direct injection would triple the lifespan of sparking plugs and eliminate the risk of high-tension leakage in wet weather through the distributor cap and leads.

The more reliable spark enables the gap between the plug electrodes to be increased without the risk of "flashover" and misfiring.

Mr Per Gullbrand, head of Saab engine testing, said: "It opens the door in rapid further development of Saab engines. We can now design engines which have a lower fuel consumption, higher output and reduced sensitivity to variations in fuel quality."

Second man accused of murder changes plea

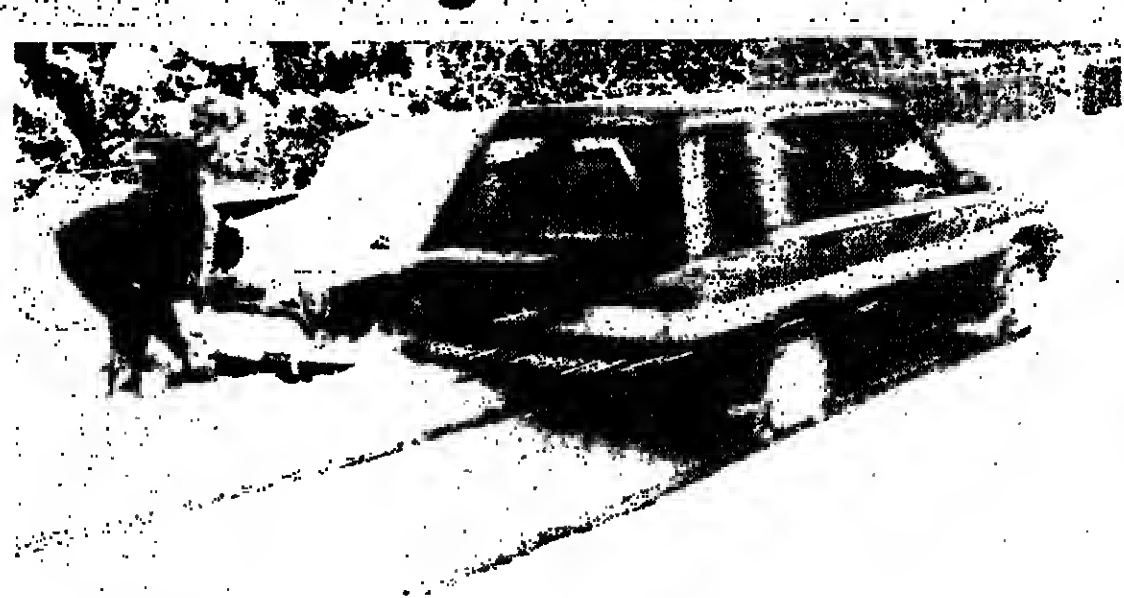
Two men faced two murder charges yesterday at Manchester Crown Court and a charge of conspiracy to murder.

Originally four men had pleaded not guilty to the three charges. But yesterday Michael Bailey, aged 21, of Wirral Crescent, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, Greater Manchester, changed his plea to guilty.

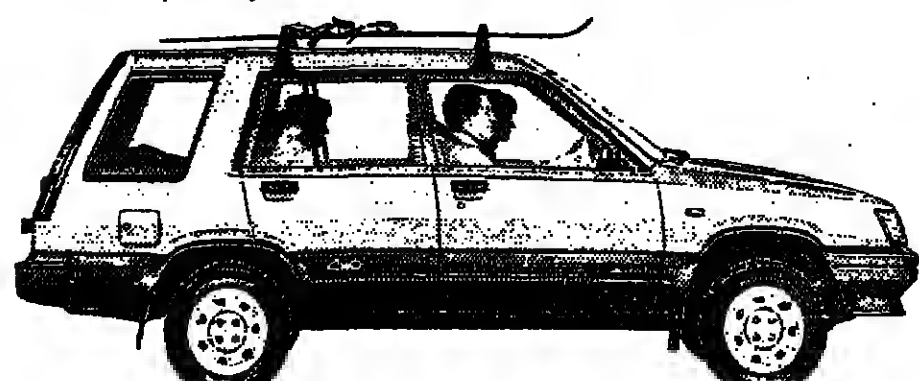
On Thursday another of the accused, Peter Murray, aged 36, of Stockport Road, Stockport, also changed his plea. Both men

will be sentenced at the end of the trial. Accused yesterday were Michael Howe, aged 21, of Stockport, and John Bannister, aged 20, of no settled address. They are charged with murdering Mitchell Elgar, aged 17, of Sale, Greater Manchester, on October 10, 1983, and Martin Pollitt, aged 19, of Reddish, Stockport, the day after. The third charge involves conspiracy to murder John Redfern, aged 22, of Dukinfield, Greater Manchester.

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'Dallas' deal forces up prices

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The BBC and the ITV companies will all have to pay more for future American television series as a result of the secret Thames deal to buy *Dallas*.

It circumvented the normal British buying procedures, and has a new going rate for imported programmes.

The BBC and its commercial competitors have operated a gentlemen's agreement when dealing with foreign sales, to keep down prices.

At present most foreign imports cost between \$28,000 and \$33,000 an hour, from *The A Team* to *Dynasty*, but the real cost is rising for the companies each day because of the fall of the pound against the dollar.

The new rate for *Dallas* of \$55,000 an episode sets a record for a US series, although imported material is still at least 20 per cent cheaper than home-grown drama produced by British companies.

Thames last night disclosed the timing of the negotiations for *Dallas*, and denied the

The ITV companies' film purchase committee, which buys feature films and series, usually acts on behalf of all 15 ITV companies.

It consists of the programme controllers of the five largest companies - Thames, Yorkshire, Central, Granada and London Weekend Television - a representative of the regional companies, at present Mr William Brown, managing director of Scottish Television, and Mr Leslie Halliwell, author of a film guide and ITV's expert on what to buy and what to pay.

The dominance of the five companies in the selection process is because they pay most of the purchase fees of any bought-in material. The costs of US imports are met by ITV on a pro rata basis according to individual companies' size.

Thames believes that it will make a profit, even if no other company takes *Dallas* and it is forced to pay the full \$55,000 an episode itself, because of the peak-time advertising rates it will be able to charge.

Usually, Thames make the journey twice a year and, independently, buy new series and renegotiate fees on existing ones. There is an unwritten understanding the neither tries to poach present series from the other.

South Lebanon fears revenge bloodbath when Israelis withdraw

From Christopher Walker, Sidon

Christians, Muslims and Palestinians living cheek-by-jowl in the 200 square miles of southern Lebanon to be evacuated by the Israeli Army next month are bracing themselves for the blood-letting that all sides fear will be inevitable after the retreat.

Although the situation is very different from that which led to the massacre in Sabra and Chatila in September 1982, the 14,000 Palestinian refugees living in the squalid Ein Hilweh camp on the outskirts of Sidon are particularly worried.

"They are already stockpiling food because that is really the only precaution that they can take," said Mr Hussein Kolhr, aged 30, a Palestinian social worker and camp resident. "They are hoping against hope that the United Nations will come to protect them from anyone looking for revenge."

Public figures as disparate as Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, and Mr Yasir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, have called for UN troops to be sent north from their base at Nagourra to police the camp.

But there is no sign that the cumbersome diplomatic procedures needed will be complete when the last Israelis leave Sidon on February 18 in the first stage of their withdrawal from Lebanon.

"Before that can happen, we would need at the minimum a change in the mandate of the force by the Security Council and the agreement of each country who would be providing men for such a difficult task," said a senior UN official, who told *The Times* that about

700 soldiers would be needed to guard the camp round the clock. Inside Ein Hilweh, where an eerie silence persists after 6 pm each day, the executions and torture have already begun, with claims of responsibility and threats of more retribution against "collaborators" sprayed on the walls by such shadowy groups as "the Martyrs of Win Hilweh" and "the Stars of the Night."

"After dark, no one here dares open their door or set foot outside," Miss Anne Nixon, a voluntary worker at the camp, said. "There are about 90 armed men here working for Israel who know that they will be dead if they do not leave with the Israeli Army."

For the minority of Palestinians who have informed and performed other duties for the Israelis, there is no obvious escape route because they are also known to refugees elsewhere in Lebanon.

If they stay here, they will be killed, and if they go north to Beirut they will be killed," said Mr Kolhr, whose wife and son were wounded in the 1982 invasion. "There will also be scores to settle in the camp between those who back Arafat and those who oppose him. But despite all that, we are happy the Israelis are going."

Diplomatic observers predict that hundreds of Palestinians will move south to Ein Hilweh, and that it will become the centre of a stepped-up guerrilla war against Israeli targets further south. They point to the advanced radio-controlled booby trap which killed three Israelis earlier this week. Palestinians are suspected of setting it up.

On the roads of south Lebanon the Israeli's vulnerability is seen in the new reluctance of any local driver to come within 200 yds of their armoured patrols. Their track personnel carriers rumble along with a cordon of Lebanese cars following slowly in the distance.

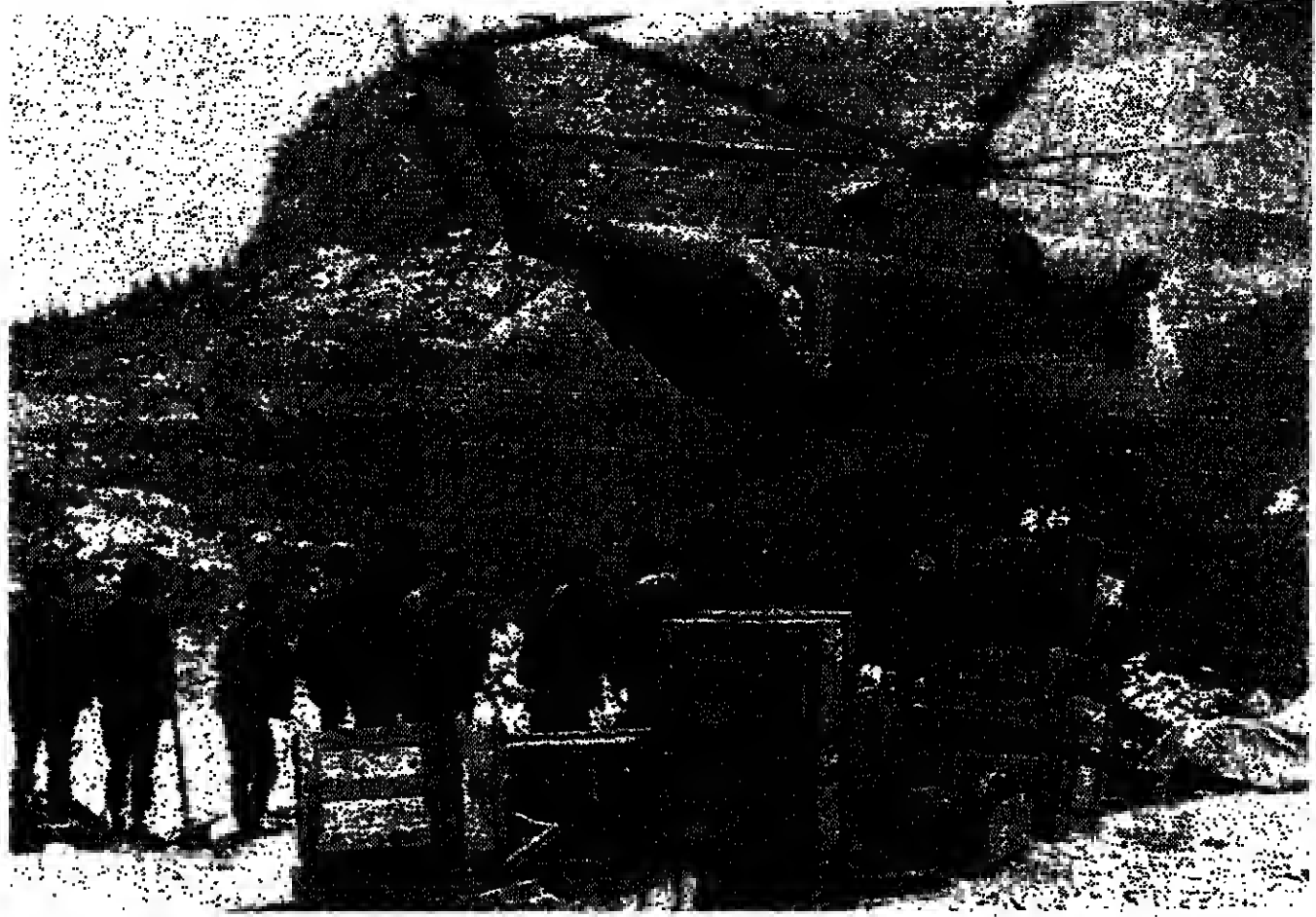
There is also apprehension in the well-armed villages of the Christian minority overlooking Sidon's urban sprawl. The main hope among the Palestinians is that the 40,000 Christians will be too concerned with defending themselves to indulge in revenge against the refugees, whom they blame for Lebanon's plight.

Local leaders have little confidence that the Lebanese Army can control the situation if the sectarian killing begins. The main battle is expected to be between rival militias for control of Sidon's port.

Mr Farid Sahal, a Maronite Christian deputy in the Beirut Parliament, was one of a number of Christians who expressed disbelief that the Army, now poised three miles north of Sidon, would have either the strength or will to prevent a bloodbath.

"Earlier this week, I tried to drive to Beirut to attend Parliament, but a Lebanese colonel warned me that it was not safe to drive on the very road I was on," he said. "I was supposed to control Mr Sahal said, 'It was not a happy moment for what is likely to happen in Sidon.'"

The UN sources estimate that 500 Christians and their families will be forced to flee south, some even into Israel itself, because of their close identity with the occupation force.



Packing up: Israeli soldiers with crates of machine parts that are being airlifted from a base on the Awali river.

Bomb explodes in Beirut playground

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

A car bomb exploded yesterday at a vacant lot used as a playground by Shia Muslim children in the Beirut suburb of West Beirut.

Police said two people were killed and at least 12 injured in the latest of a wave of bombings in the area. The casualty toll would probably have been higher if a sandstorm had not kept many people indoors.

Earlier in the day police defused two bombs, each containing about 10 pounds of dynamite, that had been planted in a garbage bin outside a bottling plant. The toll from bombings in

the past 10 days is 18 dead and at least 137 wounded. Police have no clue whether the attacks are politically motivated or simply the work of criminals.

"I'm afraid to send my children to school, even to go out shopping myself," a young mother said. "There is danger everywhere."

Fighting also broke out yesterday between Lebanese Army troops in the central mountain town of Souk el-Gharb and Druse fighters in nearby villages. Shells reached the Christian suburb of Hazmieh, east of Beirut, killing one

person and wounding another, the state radio said. Shells also fell within about 500 yds of President Gannayel's palace but caused no damage.

Mortar shells and rockets fell on the Christian neighbourhoods of Ein Rummaneh and Fura al-Shabbak, injuring three civilians, including three children. The Christian-controlled Voice of Lebanon radio blamed "Muslim elements" in the Muslim sector.

Both Muslim and Christian militias have been rebuilding barricades and fighting posts in recent days along the ceasefire

"green line". The Lebanese Army has met resistance in efforts to remove the new barriers.

The United Nations Under-Secretary General, Mr Brian Urquhart, returned to Beirut yesterday from Tel Aviv in his diplomatic shuttle mission to get the troop-withdrawal talks between Lebanon and Israel going again. Israel, which broke off the sessions on January 7, has agreed to attend further talks. But Lebanon is demanding a specific timetable for Israel's withdrawal before returning to negotiations on south Lebanon security.

Indians revive Managua initiative

From Martha Honey, San José, Costa Rica

Peace negotiations between Nicaragua and dissident Misquito Indians, disrupted by the wounding of Misquito leader Señor Brooklyn Rivera in a Sandinista Army rocket attack, may be resumed.

An exchange of diplomatic notes at the end of last week resulted in the next round of negotiations, scheduled to begin on Saturday in Colombia, being postponed indefinitely. But Señor Rivera, looking fit after his ordeal, said: "I hope that in the next few days all of this can be straightened out and we can proceed with negotiations."

Señor Rivera said that for negotiations to resume, the Sandinistas would have to allow Indians to return to several Atlantic coast villages which were attacked recently and would have to permit the International Red Cross to bring relief supplies to the villages.

The Indian leader said he suffered internal injuries and had to flee when Sandinista aircraft bombed a village he was visiting earlier this month. He said he hid in the bush for three days and then managed to skirt round Sandinista military positions and escape by boat to Costa Rica.

Señor Rivera and 10 other wounded Indians arrived here after a harrowing, two-day journey down the coast, made difficult by bad weather and a faulty outboard engine.

The rebel commander, who headed the Contra-River-based guerrilla movement, Misurata, was in hospital for four days. After his release, he said: "I have a deep concern about the situation of my people inside (Nicaragua) since the latest information is that the bombing is continuing. At least a dozen civilians and fighters have been killed and many wounded since early January."

Señor Rivera is appealing to a number of governments, including Britain, to help persuade the Sandinistas to allow relief supplies to reach the villages which have been attacked.

Before Christmas, the rebel leader went to Nicaragua to explain the controversial peace initiative to his followers. Despite the objections of many other Contra leaders and some of the Indian military commanders, Señor Rivera accepted a Sandinista offer to begin dialogue late last year.

The Indians are demanding a form of autonomy for the Atlantic coast, control of their traditional lands, and a share of the profits earned from mines and other natural resources. They also want the Sandinista Army to withdraw the creation of an indigenous military force, repatriation of the estimated 20,000 Indian refugees and fighters, and freeing of political prisoners.

Nimeiry lets man of 76 hang

Khartoum (AFP) - Mahmoud Muhammad Isha, the 76-year-old leader of Sudan's Islamic dissident movement the Republican Brothers, was executed here yesterday.

He was sentenced on Tuesday to be hanged for "non-violently opposing Islamic law in Sudan."

The sentence was confirmed by President Nimeiry on Thursday, although he gave four other opposition figures sentenced to death at the same time another three days to repent.

The execution took place at Kober in front of about 2,000 people, including the other four condemned men. It is the first time a Muslim has been executed for the offence of apostasy or abandonment of faith since Islamic law was introduced in Sudan in September 1983.

In a pamphlet distributed secretly, Mr Isha described the introduction of Islamic law as "wicked" and said it "humiliated the Sudanese people."

● **REBEL CLASH:** Eleven Government troops were killed and 25 wounded in a fierce clash with rebels in southern Sudan which ended yesterday morning, the Sudanese News Agency said.

Quoting an authoritative military source, the agency said the Government troops were surprised by two enemy planes which rocketed their administrative headquarters.

Soviet historian's claim

Zionists accused of working with Nazis

Moscow (Reuters) - Tass yesterday published accusations that Zionists had been "partners of the Nazis and shared the blame for the deaths of millions of Jews during the Second World War."

An interview with the Soviet historian Lev Kornevich said Zionists had helped Hitler during his rise to power, by implicating the Nazis in the current Israeli policies. The agency quoted Mr Kornevich "in conversation with a Tass correspondent" as saying Zionists had tried to prevent Jews fighting the Nazis.

The Nazis subsequently sought to conceal their "alliance with Nazism" but still had contacts with neo-Nazis. Many Jews had fought against Nazism in the Soviet and Allied armies, "but the Zionists, the Nazis' partners, did not have anything to do with that sacred struggle."

"Conversely, they share with the Nazis responsibility for the extermination of Jews during World War Two. They have the blood of victims on their hands and on their conscience."

The official Soviet media frequently attack Zionism as an imperialist and racist doctrine and link it with Israel and US supporters of Israeli policies.

Mr Kornevich said a Jewish-owned Amsterdam bank lent Hitler \$10 million in 1929,

while a Cologne-based banking house, also owned by Jews, had discussed with the Nazis their Final Solution. "Banks and companies controlled by Zionists energetically contributed to the financing of the Hitler Reich and the Nazi war machine. Many of those banks and companies today constitute the bulk of international Zionism and support Tel Aviv's course of aggression."

"It is claimed that the extermination of Jews was the main aspect of the policy of Nazism and that all the peoples of the world betrayed the European Jews. This amounts to a gross distortion of real historical facts. The main aspect of Nazi policy... was struggle against socialism, against the Soviet Union."

Mr Kornevich said Zionism was a product of imperialism, and represented the interests of the bourgeoisie. Cooperation between international Zionism and fascism during the Second World War was explained by their common class nature and hatred of communism.

"The laws of class unity lead the Zionists even today into cooperation with the revanchists and neo-Nazis."

Tass said Mr Kornevich had written several books on Zionism, including *Israel: Myths and Reality* and *Class Nature of Zionism*.

Sri Lanka rebuff for Ramphal

From Donovan Moldrich, Colombo

There was nothing Mr Shridath Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, could do to resolve the problem of civil unrest in Sri Lanka or improve the island's relations with India, a senior Sri Lankan minister indicated yesterday.

Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, the Minister for National Security, was asked by *The Times* whether Mr Ramphal had offered his good offices to mediate in any way following the failure of the all-party conference on the problems of the Tamil minority.

"What role has Mr Ramphal to play in this?" Mr Athulathmudali asked. "This is an internal matter. Mr Rajiv Gandhi (India's Prime Minister) says it is an internal matter."

He was speaking after a press conference at Army headquarters in Colombo at which part of the haul of arms and ammunition seized from a hide-out of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in the Jaffna district last week was put on display for the media.

Asked what the Government was doing after the failure of the all-party conference, the minister said the Government was examining what it could do to alleviate the problems of minorities. More use could be made of judicial procedures, as had been done by blacks in America.

Tamil martyr without a corpse

From Donovan Moldrich, Colombo

Mannar, a sleepy Sri Lankan coastal town, 190 miles north of Colombo, occupies an exalted position in the history of the Roman Catholic church.

It is where, in 1544, King Sankili, the Hindu ruler of the kingdom of Jaffna, massacred 700 converts to Catholicism which had been introduced to Sri Lanka with the arrival of the Portuguese in 1505. The Portuguese conquered and extinguished the kingdom in 1591.

Historians have recorded that the blood of the martyrs of Mannar germinated Catholicism in Sri Lanka survived the persecution of the Dutch, who displaced the Portuguese in 1656 and who were ousted in turn by the British in 1796.

Now, almost four and a half centuries after Catholicism's bloody baptism, there is talk of martyrdom again in Mannar with the disappearance of Father Mary Bastian, the 36-year-old parish priest of Vankalai near

Mannar on January 6. The Right Rev Thomas Savundarayanayagam, Bishop of Mannar, has alleged that Father Bastian was killed by the armed services.

For its part, the Ministry of State maintained that "eight terrorists" were killed after an army patrol was shot at while passing the Vankalai church. The ministry also claimed that arms and ammunition had been found in the church.

The bishop denied this and accused the state-controlled media of broadcasting false allegations.

In view of the conflicting reports the Catholic bishop's conference in Sri Lanka called for "a thorough investigation and an impartial inquiry at the highest level." The Government responded by asking the Criminal Investigation Department to make inquiries.

The minister of National Security, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, has said the armed services deny killing a priest but admit that an old woman was killed in the Vankalai shooting.

Questioned at a press conference yesterday about reports that the priest may have gone to the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, the minister said he had heard various stories when he visited Mannar recently but did not wish to prejudice the matter.

The Government-controlled *Ceylon Daily News* quoted a Government spokesman as saying that no witnesses had come forward to testify that Father Bastian had been killed.

The *Sunday Review*, an English weekly published in Jaffna, has described Father Bastian as a martyr. It said he had helped to collect and bury the corpses of 110 men and women killed on December 4 last year when the Army allegedly went on a rampage. Father Bastian's body had still not been found, it said.

Anger over Shenouda

Nearly 1,000 people, many believed to be sympathizers and members of outlawed Muslim fundamentalist groups, gathered after noon prayers yesterday to show their disapproval of the recent release of Egypt's Coptic Pope (Our Cairo correspondent writes).

Shaikh Omar Abdul Rahman, one of the Muslim Brothers leaders, said Pope Shenouda's release was unfair because he had not stood trial, as they had. "Restraint" should, like Pope Shenouda, be allowed to preach freely.

Pope Shenouda was released on January 3. He was one of several religious leaders, both Christian and Muslim, accused of fomenting sectarian strife, who were arrested during the late President Sadat's crackdown in September 1981.

Shaikh Abdul Rahman claimed yesterday that Pope Shenouda was at "the head of sectarian strife".

Nuclear waste pledge by Nakasone to Lange

Auckland (AFP, AP) - Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, yesterday reiterated "in the strongest possible terms" a pledge that Japan would not dump nuclear waste in the Pacific against the wishes of countries in the region.

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, said Mr Nakasone made the promise during three hours of talks between the two leaders at the start of a two-day visit by the Japanese leader, the last leg of a week-long South Pacific tour.

The dumping of nuclear waste was one of the key issues on which New Zealand had sought assurances from Japan in the talks, observers said.

Mr Nakasone also said his Government would support a nuclear-free zone in the South Pacific if it received the consent of all parties, was effective and verifiable, and obtained "the respect of the nuclear powers".

Mr Lange told a press conference that he and Mr Nakasone agreed on world nuclear disarmament matters. Nuclear issues were discussed at length, but Mr Nakasone did

not raise the issue of visits to New Zealand by nuclear warships.

● **MELBOURNE:** Seventy-two hours after Mr Nakasone promised in Canberra that Australia's trading future with Japan was safe provided it remained competitive and deliveries were guaranteed, coal and wheat supplies were stopped by an indefinite rail strike in New South Wales (a correspondent writes).



Mr Lange: Dumping fear becomes key issue.

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Government backing for Bill to curb glue sniffing

COMMONS

A loophole existed in the present law in that the blatant supply for gain of glue or other substances to young sniffers was not a crime. Mr Neville Trotter (Tyne and Wear, C) said in moving the Bill, the Commons the second reading of the Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill. This was a shocking activity which society abhorred, he said it should clearly be treated as a crime.

Sniffing was a widespread problem among children and was causing great concern throughout the country. For a time it was hoped it would be a passing phase, but there was sadly no sign that this would be so.

A distinction could be made between the numerous experimenters and the chronic cases who were compulsive sniffers, but so powerful were some of the substances sniffed that one short session of sniffing could and did kill.

It was not just the harm sniffers could do to themselves but also the way in which they could become a public menace. There were constant examples of young people who became violent as a result of this activity.

Where sniffers were concerned, education and counselling were generally agreed to be the right measures to take. Education in these matters should be a subject of concern in every school. Parents had to be told how to recognize the signs of sniffing and had to realize that far more than glue was involved. The bobby on the beat had an important role in identifying the sniffers and seeing that action was taken to help.

This was practical. A great deal was being done to inform shopkeepers. The Bill provided for a prison sentence of up to 12 months and/or a fine of £2,000. This level of punishment allowed cases to be brought in the local magistrates' courts.

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It had often been suggested that the law should be changed to ban all sales of solvents to young people, but there were far too many items that could be used for sniffing for

highly dangerous complacency, and though the practice largely confined to inner city areas, the death of Tracy Hutchings, a young girl in his constituency, from glue sniffing. The tragedy was that so many people knew of her problem

Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C) said two things could be done. It could be made unlawful to sniff solvents in a public place and there could be consideration of the possibility of introducing a system which had worked well in Scotland whereby a youngster caught glue sniffing could immediately be brought before the courts.

Mr Roy Galley (Halifax, C) said it was necessary to establish locally-based networks of involved and interested people who could act as counsellors when the problem was spotted.

It might also be helpful for social service departments to develop a register of children at risk. The problem would not be eradicated, but at least great inroads could be made into diminishing it.

Mr Robert Hayward (Kingswood, C) said he welcomed the Bill but he was not convinced the penalties were severe enough.

Mr Gregory Knight (Derby North, C) said the problem was not confined to sniffing glue but also butane, aerosols and even fire extinguishers agent. Statistics underlined the problem because the majority of cases went undetected. The consequences could include death or damage to the lungs, kidneys or nervous system. The Bill would act as a deterrent to those setting solvents.

Mr Colin Moynihan (Lewisham East, C) said other sniffable products such as paint, dry cleaning fluid and nail varnish remover were too easily available. At worst the Bill would alert retailers to the dangers and at best it

would bring to court those who had aided and abetted in the horror of solvent abuse.

Mr Robert Kilroy-Glik, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs, welcomed the Bill and said the Government would give it a fair wind. Every child should have "drop in" centres where young people and adults could go for help and advice about the problem.

Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said nobody suggested that this measure would be an answer to the problem. It simply dealt with and punished those who tried to exploit one of the most cruel and callous practices, that of selling such products to young people.

This Bill was a continuation of the enormous amount of work done by Government, local authorities, voluntary agencies, retailers and manufacturers in come to terms with the problem.

It was not only the sniffing of glue which was concerned. Almost any household product, particularly sprays, could be sniffed even butane gas.

There is some sign (he added) that we are turning the corner on this problem.

The best available statistics for solvent abuse showed that there were 45 deaths in 1981; 60 deaths in 1982; 80 deaths in 1983; and 61 deaths in 1984.

The house would take a useful step forward in coping with solvent abuse by passing this Bill. He hoped the debate would encourage consideration of the wider implications of this subject and perhaps encourage the belief that a start had been made on a wide-ranging series of initiatives that might well in the end make it possible first to contain and control and then to eradicate a phenomenon which had blighted the lives of so many young people.

The Bill was read a second time.

Peace offer to Carthage a little late

From John Earle, Rome

Officialdom in Rome never moves fast, but this time it is taking 2,131 years for the Romans to sign a treaty restoring peace with Carthage, which was destroyed in the last Punic war by Scipio Africanus the Younger in 146 BC.

On February 3, a delegation from the SIPOR (Senatus Populusque Romanus), headed by Rome's Communist mayor, Signor Ugo Vetere, flies to Tunis to make amends for their ancestors, whose sole concern was to remove all trace of their North African rival. As Cato the Elder always said, "Carthage is to be destroyed."

Now policy has been reversed and Signor Vetere will sign with Mr Chedly Klibi, the mayor of Carthage, who is also Secretary-General of the Arab League, a "pact of friendship and collaboration" drafted when Mr Klibi was in Rome in his other capacity earlier this month.

It is, in the words of the draft, a treaty between two cities "proud of their names and their past, which evokes one of the most dramatic and glorious pages in the history of mankind."

The agreement fits into a process of closer friendship between Italy and Tunisia.

The last vestige of hostility in recent years has been a dispute over Italian fishing rights off the Tunisian coast, but that appears to be close to solution with the formation of a joint fishing company.

Thais move refugees out of border battle area

Bangkok (Reuters and AP) - Fighting erupted again yesterday between Vietnamese troops and Cambodian guerrillas and international aid workers began moving 62,000 civilians to safer areas inside Thailand, Thai military officials said.

The exodus of civilians from an evacuation site near the embattled guerrilla base of Nong Samet began amid fresh clashes north of the base, Cambodia's western border.

The move to the United Nations-run Khao-I-Dang camp, about five miles from the border, is the second relocation of refugees from the Nong Samet base of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KNPLF). Aid officials said the move would take two or three days.

On December 25, Thai and aid officials evacuated Nong Samet civilians to a site known as Red Hill, about a mile inside Thailand.

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Gandhi aides in custody after police smash Indian spy ring

Delhi (Reuters, AP) - Seven Government officials, including Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, were arrested yesterday on suspicion of spying for the United States of India (UNI) news agency reported.

Earlier in the day Mr Gandhi stunned Parliament by saying certain people holding sensitive posts, whom he did not name, had been arrested on suspicion of having betrayed the national interest.

The agency quoted reliable sources as saying the arrested officials included two deputy secretaries and two undersecretaries. The sources were quoted as saying at least three of the officials were working in the Prime Minister's office and two in the Defence Ministry.

UNF identified one of the officials as a personal assistant to the Prime Minister's principal secretary, Mr P. C. Alexander.

A magistrate remanded the seven in custody for 10 days for interrogation, the agency said, adding that the arrests had smashed a powerful espionage ring.

Mr Gautam Kaul, a Delhi police commissioner, confirmed the seven arrests but said he could not name them. "No police official is going to speak on that," he said.

Mr Gandhi revealed the arrests when he broke into a low-key debate in Parliament on the eradication of poverty. He read out a statement saying that the arrests were made during a review of security measures.

The Press Trust of India quoted the Prime Minister as telling MPs: "As you know, every government has to exercise the highest vigilance in regard to the protection of confidential information and intelligence. I reviewed and strengthened security procedures."

"It came to the Government's notice that certain employees in sensitive positions were suspected of indulging in activities detrimental to the national interest."

"Some arrests have been made in the course of investigations, which are still proceeding."

Mr Gandhi asked MPs not to press him to say more to avoid hampering investigations. He had disclosed the arrests to Parliament because "I want to take the House into confidence on an important development."

UNF quoted its sources as saying the seven officials had been giving defence secrets and vital information about the Prime Minister's office to foreigners, whom it did not identify. The sources said incriminating documents had been recovered from the arrested officials and three or four more suspects were to be detained.

It said intelligence officials had kept a watch on the suspects for several weeks before taking action against them. Their activities came to light during an investigation into India's security apparatus in the wake of the assassination last October of Indira Gandhi.

Cyprus summit looks to UN chief for salvation

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Turkish withdrawal from Cyprus and a system of international guarantees for the island's security were emerging yesterday as the main points of contention as the crucial summit meeting went into its second day at the United Nations.

The two highly emotive issues, which have prevented a solution to the Cyprus problem in the past, appeared to have blighted the initial atmosphere of high expectations, with the mutual suspicion of the two sides simmering not far beneath the surface.

Diplomatic sources described the first day of talks between President Kyprianou and Mr Rauf Denktaş as tense and difficult sessions which highlighted the disparate positions still held on a number of issues rather than the agreement that had been reached on substantive questions in the three rounds of proximity talks.

The consensus was that Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, in whose presence the summit meeting is being held, would have to find urgently an imaginative way of provoking the two sides into a more conciliatory stand. Not

only are they in disagreement on important issues, but there are two contradictory views on whether the Secretary-General's comprehensive peace package is subject to further negotiation.

It appeared that for the Greek Cypriots the only settlement that could be considered worthwhile would be one which guaranteed complete Turkish withdrawal from Cyprus before the transitional government envisaged in the Secretary-General's proposals came into effect. The Greek Cypriot side was willing to consider any system of international guarantees, but only under the condition that Turkey not be included.

Mr Denktaş, the Turkish Cypriot leader, has said it is unthinkable for the security of Turkish Cypriots to have a federal republic of Cyprus without guarantees from Turkey, a view shared by most diplomatic observers, who see the Greek Cypriot aspirations as unrealistic. He would be willing also to agree to a timetable for a Turkish troop withdrawal, but only if it is linked to the establishment of a transitional government.

Swedes snub Britain's acid rain grant

Stockholm (Reuters) - Swedish scientists have rejected a one million crown (about £100,000) British grant to study the effect of acid rain because they say British industry pollutes Scandinavian forests and lakes.

"The main purpose of the British offer is to buy time so that Britain can continue to spew smoke all over Europe," Mr Sten Bergstrom of the Swedish Meteorological Institute told Reuters.

He said it would be morally wrong to accept funds offered by the British power industry in view of Britain's refusal to reduce sulphur emissions.

"We can't accept that, since it is our duty as scientists to protect the Swedish environment," he added.

Britain refused last December to join 14 European countries, the Soviet Union and Canada in reducing emissions by 30 per cent over the next decade, saying further research was needed.

Karpov agrees to draw No 37 after 21 moves

Moscow (AP) - The 43rd game of the world chess championship was drawn last night after 21 moves, with Gary Kasparov offering it and the title holder, Anatoly Karpov, accepting after mulling over it for nine minutes.

Karpov, ahead 5-1, will try again on Monday to secure the one victory he needs to retain his title.

The two Soviet masters have

been battling since September 10. Yesterday's draw was the 37th in this marathon series.

Forty-third game
White: Karpov; Black: Kasparov
1 P-K4 P-G4 2 N-K3 P-C2
3 P-Q4 P-P3 4 K-RP K-R5
5 K-R5 P-Q2 6 P-Q4 P-C3
7 P-Q3 P-Q2 8 P-Q4 P-C3
9 K-R1 P-Q2 10 K-Q1 P-Q4
11 P-Q3 P-Q2 12 K-R1 P-Q4
13 P-Q3 P-Q2 14 K-R1 P-Q4
15 P-Q3 P-Q2 16 K-R1 P-Q4
17 P-Q3 P-Q2 18 K-R1 P-Q4
19 P-Q3 P-Q2 20 K-R1 P-Q4
21 P-Q3 P-Q2 22 K-R1 P-Q4

Vatican group to study space war risks

Rome (Reuters) - Twenty-five scientists from the United States, the Soviet Union and other countries will meet in the Vatican for four days next week to discuss possible risks from war in space.

The scientists, joined by four Roman Catholic clergymen, will report to the Pope, Señor Carlos Chagas, president of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, said yesterday.

The meeting, planned since November, comes two weeks after Washington and Moscow agreed to resume disarmament talks on space weapons.

The Pontifical Academy draws expert opinion from the world over to keep the Vatican

informed on current scientific issues. Señor Chagas, a Brazilian, said it had no political views.

"We don't want to make politics. We want to present first to the world, the scientific truths of the problems which interest humanity," he said.

● WASHINGTON: President Reagan indicated in an interview published yesterday that he did not expect his Star Wars proposal to block any arms agreement with the Soviet Union (our Correspondent writes).

"I don't think this is going to cause a walkway from the table, and if it is, then they

Priest's lawyers ask: Who is on trial?

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Lawyers representing the Popieluszko family in the trial of four former secret police officers accused of murdering the pro-Solidarity priest, yesterday made an impassioned protest against the conduct of the trial.

"What is going on in this courtroom? A murder trial is being converted into a trial of the Church, the episcopate and Father Popieluszko himself," they complained.

The lawyers - Mr Jan Oleszewski, Mr Edward Wende and Mr Andrzej Grabinski - have brought into the open a nasty, nagging suspicion about the proceedings in the Turan courthouse.

It is this: that alongside the four secret police agents in the dock, there is a fifth defendant, the ghost of the priest himself, charged, it would seem from the casual comments of the judges and the questioning of the state prosecutor, with abusing his pulpit for the goals of the Solidarity opposition.

Yesterday, the judge was supposed to rule on whether a



Waldemar Chrostowski: He drove priest's car

bitter diatribe against the Roman Catholic Church delivered last week by ex-Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski, the main defendant, should be included in court documents.

He had accused a bishop of collaborating with the Nazis, another of hiding Solidarity money, some priests of leading

dissolute lives, and that clerics exploited the low duty customs tariffs on charity shipments to import cars, his most damning accusation of all was against the priest who is regarded by many as a Solidarity martyr, suggesting that the secret police had evidence showing that Father Popieluszko had a mistress. All of this, and more, was to be included in the court files to explain his "motivation" in the kidnap, Piotrowski's lawyers said.

The state prosecutor seemed at the start to approve the idea. Then came the outburst, initially from Mr Oleszewski. "Whose trial is this, anyway? What Piotrowski wants to do is to try the Church, the episcopate or at least Father Popieluszko."

The material gathered by the secret police had not been collected with the investigative rigour needed for court evidence, he said. The other Popieluszko lawyer, Mr Wende argued that Piotrowski had already explained his motivation in sufficient detail. And Mr Grabinski exclaimed: "I am horrified by what is going

on in this courtroom. Piotrowski is trying to enforce his views not only on the court but on the state."

After a recess, the judge had to agree with the Popieluszko lawyers: the material will be excluded from the court documents.

The hearing of two witnesses yesterday - Major Jansz Dronz and secret police employee Zbigniew Strumiecki - confirmed the general drift of the week's testimony which is tending to destroy the line of defence taken by ex-Colonel Adam Pietruszka, the former deputy director of the secret police's church monitoring department. He is charged with complicity in murder but faces a possible capital punishment along with Piotrowski and ex-lieutenants Waldemar Chmielewski and Leszek Pekala who face full murder charges.

Pietruszka denies all attempts at a cover-up of the crime and admits no part in its planning.

But yesterday, Major Dronz, who despite his rank was the deputy to Piotrowski, said that on October 23, four

days after Father Popieluszko's murder, all available members of the secret police church monitoring department were called together.

The head of the Polish secret police, General Wladyslaw Cielton, then ordered them all to write a report of their activities on October 19, emphasising any contact with Piotrowski.

Major Dronz was delegated to collect the reports. On delivering them to Pietruszka, the major was told to ensure that the wording of two reports was amended to eliminate "unnecessary detail".

Piotrowski's secretary, Miss Barbara Story, had been told by Pietruszka as he left the office to kidnap Father Popieluszka that he would be absent. Pietruszka ordered the sentence "On the 19th when Piotrowski was leaving the office, he told me, 'I'm leaving but Colonel Pietruszka knows what I'll be doing'" to be deleted from Miss Story's report. A similar demand was made of Mr Zbigniew Strumiecki.

27 hurt in blast at W German refinery

Wesseling, West Germany (AP) (Reuters) - Exploding gas and chemicals triggered a huge fire yesterday in an oil refinery here near Cologne, injuring 27 people and sending a burning cloud 3,000 ft into the air. At least seven of the injured were in serious condition, police said. The explosion occurred in an ethyl-producing facility at the Rheinischen Olefin refinery between Cologne and Bonn, operated by the West German Shell Company and the BASF chemical concern. A pipe carrying liquid gas broke, causing a mixture of the gas, naphtha and other chemicals to explode.

An autobahn near the refinery was closed for an hour but traffic eventually got back on the road and finally brought it under control.

Athens driver kills Britons

Athens - Two young British women were killed by a hit-and-run driver in the centre of Athens yesterday. They were identified as Lesley Crawford, aged 25, from Falkirk, and Anne Gaffney, aged 22 of Stafford.

The police said they were run over by a speeding car while crossing a main avenue at 2.30 am. One report said the police had detained the driver.

Iraq accused

New York (Reuters) - Iraq hit civilian targets in Iran in raids early this month using cluster bombs, a United Nations monitoring team said in a report issued here, Iraq claimed yesterday it had scored a direct hit on another vessel in the Gulf.

Charges lifted

Manila (Reuters) - A Philippines court dismissed subversion charges against the opposition leader Mr Jovito Salonga, due to arrive here next week after four years' exile in the United States. The principal witness in the case had fled to the US.

Falkland protest

Buenos Aires - Argentina formally protested at Britain's decision to grant a prospecting licence on the Falkland Islands to the Firstland Oil and Gas Co. In a letter to the United Nations on January 2, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said here.

Warlord dies

Bangkok (Reuters) - The Burmese opium warlord, Khin Sa, died aged 52 of diabetes last Wednesday. Thai border police reported. He headed the Shan United Army, one of a dozen Burmese rebel groups.

Silver Solti

Paris (AFP) - The conductor Sir Georg Solti will be awarded the Silver Medal of Paris next Friday when he will be in the French capital with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He will conduct The Times Bicentenary concert at the Royal Festival Hall on January 31.

Stone Age find

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Archaeologists have uncovered a Stone Age village near the Red Sea port of Jeddah. The Director of Museums and Antiquities in Saudi Arabia's western province said.

Satanic rock

Amsterdam (AP) - A chain of Dutch schools, has ordered pupils to destroy their rock records by the Rolling Stones, the Beatles and others because they allegedly contained "satanic messages".



Hot and cold snacks: Three men, their coast off, having a bite to eat on a frozen lake in Salamanca, Spain, yesterday, as warmer temperatures took over from the blizzards.

Europe feels tail end of freeze

By Our Foreign Staff

Heavy rain, high winds and icy conditions bit much of Europe yesterday as a thaw appeared from the south after two weeks of exceptionally cold weather.

In France, where about 140 people have died as a result of the cold spell, a man in his seventies was found dead in freezing conditions in a hole in the ground.

Ice closed Orly airport briefly, and 50 flights were delayed. Milan's Linate airport was forced to close again yesterday because of fog, and the fog shut down Turin airport.

Further south in Italy, heavy rain swelled rivers and streams and four swimmers from Bari were reported missing, feared dead, when their motor launch sank in heavy seas off Siracusa, Sicily.

Heavy rain and high winds hit Portugal raising temperatures and melting snow in parts of the worst-affected north-eastern region. Lisbon was battered by winds of around 70 mph.

Farmers in Spain, Portugal and Yugoslavia were assessing the damage to citrus and vegetable crops caused by the freeze. Agriculture officials in

Valencia estimated damage at £35 million.

The Spanish death toll from the cold rose to 41. But temperatures rose in most of Spain yesterday.

In West Germany, Belgium and The Netherlands, the freezing weather and low winds caused record pollution levels.

A freak sandstorm lashed Egypt and Israel, disrupting transport and coating streets and buildings with tonnes of dust.

Freezing temperatures and heavy snowfall paralyzed most of Turkey.

Freed Britons rearrested in Lagos

By Our Foreign Staff

The British High Commissioner in Nigeria was seeking meetings with ministers yesterday after two Britons acquitted of conspiracy to steal an aircraft were rearrested as they left the court in Lagos.

Mr Kenneth Clark and Mr Angus Paterson, engineers employed by Bristow Helicopters, were arrested by two armed men led by Assistant

Commissioner Abukaka Tsav, who told reporters: "We have instructions from above to rearrest them."

The men were taken to CID headquarters on Ikoye Island, where they were visited by the British consul, Mr. Grant Lindsay, but no explanation was given.

They had been set free after the prosecution told the court there was no case against them.

Chernenko is not on Reagan list

From Our Correspondent
Washington

There were no plans for President Reagan to meet President Chernenko during his coming European visit, the White House said yesterday.

Mr Reagan is planning a tour that will probably include visits in Spain, Portugal and Austria after attending a seven-nation economic summit in Bonn from May 2 to 4.

Officials said it was possible Mr Reagan would attend ceremonies on May 5 marking the 40th anniversary of VE Day. Other officials said he would make a state visit to West Germany, in addition to attending the summit.

There had been speculation that Mr Reagan might hold a Vienna summit with Mr Chernenko that could set a formal seal on new arms control talks.

● VIENNA: Austria expects the U.S. Soviet, British and French foreign ministers to attend celebrations in May marking the 30th anniversary of the Austrian state treaty, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The treaty, signed on May 15, 1955 by the four main powers, restored Austrian independence after 10 years of allied occupation.

Fontaine in as editor by 89% vote

From Diana Geddes
Paris

M André Fontaine, aged 63, was yesterday elected the editor-in-chief of *Le Monde* by an overwhelming majority of the shareholders of the private company of journalists, employees and private individuals which owns the paper.

He will take over on Monday from M André Laurens, who resigned last month after the journalists rejected his proposals to rescue the financially troubled paper.

Mr Fontaine has promised to submit his own rescue plan for approval by the journalists and other shareholders within the next three months. He has already called for an immediate 10 per cent cut in all salaries and the closure of one of the paper's two print works.

Mr Fontaine immediately appointed M Bernard Woutz, aged 44, a former director of the Bayard Presse, to the newly-created post of chief administrator.

M Fontaine was elected by 89 per cent of the votes.

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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Heads you lose

Football can damage your brain - this is the belief of a member of the medical panel of the International Football Federation, FIFA. "Players should try to decrease the number of times they head the ball, or risk possible brain damage," said Professor Vojta N. Smolaka, of the State University of New York College of Medicine. He has estimated that players head the ball an average of five times per match, or 5,250 times in a 15-year career, (not counting training) and has heard complaints of headaches, neck pains, isomolism, weakened memory, and abnormal alcohol reactions. A Harley Street neurologist confirmed this. "The glancing header would have the same torsional impact on the brain as a glancing blow from a boxer, and the combined forces involved in heading back a ball travelling directly towards you are considerable. The point to remember, though, is that the problem is different from boxing. Footballers are trying to get the ball in the net, boxers are trying to cause each other brain damage."

Run for the bus

If league championships were won on simple fitness, then we might as well give the title right away to Sheffield Wednesday. Manager Howard Wilkinson gives his men a weekly 90-minute run over the half-marathon distance of 13 miles. A bus waits at the finishing post to take them back home, but it doesn't wait long. Players who arrive after the appointed finishing time make their own way back.

● The West Bromwich Albion midfielder, Steve Hunt, has reached green belt level in karate. He is now aiming for the fifth level, and a blue belt. He says he took up the sport to keep his body supple.

Tee bone

The latest innovation on the American professional golf circuit is a fitness centre which gives golfers a chance to limber up before they play and to wind down afterwards. A surgeon from the centre at the recent Bob Hope Desert Classic said the golfer's traditional bad back is caused by weak abdominal muscles. In tests at the centre one golfer came close to breaking the world "treadmill" record.

Long shot

During the Boer War, men of the City were so disgusted by reports of the appalling army by Our Boys that they decided to do something about it. They formed the City Rifle Club, and built their own clubhouse at Bixley, at a cost of £230. The club is still going strong - Mike Sullivan who won Britain's first medal in the Olympic Games last summer, is a member. "We've got all the City's resources," he said. "We're a little more catholic," he said. Their clubhouse is falling down, however, and they are trying to marshal the City's resources to raise the £150,000 needed to rebuild it.

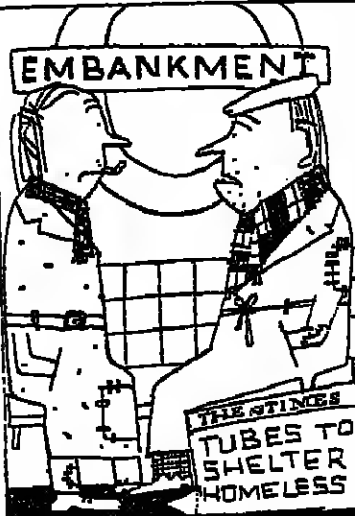
Puff ball

No - it wasn't holy water that caused the fracas at the African Women's Basketball Championship last week. It was magic powder with "evil effects". The Senegalese sprinkled the powder over their opponents Zaire to the pre-match warm-up. The Zaire coach countered brilliantly by pouring water on the floor. The Senegalese tried to stop him, while the Zaire players tried to prevent any further administration of the dreaded powder, and that was how the punch-up started. Zaire refused to play the match, so giving the title to Senegal on a walkover.

Stand and deliver

An ice hockey star has been invited to teach postmen in New York State how to fall over. Postmaster Robert Walsh had noticed that ice hockey players, like his postmen, fall over an awful lot on the ice. But where the ice hockey men get up and carry on, the postmen of Farmingdale stay down. Last winter 26 postmen needed time off work after falling over. Bobby Nystrom, right wing for the New York Islanders, was taken to meet the tumbling postmen and said: "The best thing I can say is just don't fall down." Forced to acknowledge that he himself falls down "quite a bit", he added helpfully: "Be prepared - be ready to fall." His talk on the subject has been videoed, and will be played to other postmen.

BARRY FANTONI



"No, it doesn't remind me of the blitz. It reminds me of when I had a job."

Unmannered mannerist: Malcolm Bradbury on the work of Alison Lurie

The Paleface Professor



Alison Lurie, in the American Paleface tradition of Henry James and Edith Wharton.

A critic once divided American writers into two camps, the Palefaces and the Redskins. The Redskins looked west, toward the frontier, responded to the more physical and natural aspects of life, and often wrote in a style which expressed raw experience rather than literary form. The Palefaces looked east, wrote of those peculiarly elusive areas in American life, society and manners, and were preoccupied with craft and formal brilliance.

British readers, often baffled in front of the Redskins, have been persistently attracted to the Palefaces, clasping some like Henry James, firmly to their bosoms. Paleface writers may now be in decline in America, but there are a few left, one of the most finished and brilliant being Alison Lurie.

It is appropriate that her work, with its sharp observant comedy, great intelligence and exacting and satirical view of human nature, has always been well received in Britain. Her books are formidably well made, though that phrase is uncomfortable and can make her sound dangerously old-fashioned.

So does another phrase which reviewers have favoured, "novelist of manners", and she confesses that it causes her embarrassment. Nonetheless it remains useful, for her seven novels - the latest, *Foreign Affairs*, will appear in Britain next week - collectively form a biting record of American social mores and sexual manners from the early 1960s (her first novel, *Love and Friendship*, appeared in 1962) to the present.

Appropriately, *Foreign Affairs* was interrupted in the writing so that she could complete another book, *The Language of Clothes*, a subtle and splendid non-fiction study of the social and expressive functions of dress. And the clothes we wear, the way we live, our emotional and historical lives, through bad and fashion, are the stuff nearly of manners but of the Lurie vision.

It is therefore no surprise that the dustjackets of her books usually compare her with Jane Austen, Henry James and Edith Wharton. But the older novels of manners were written in periods of relative social stability. The elusiveness and volatility of modern manners make them far harder to fix. We buy and spend history at a remarkable rate, and this challenges not just the observation but the endurance of the novelist.

Lurie's most successful novel commercially was *The War Between the Tates*, a book that caught, just on the instant, the conflict between radical passions and more conventional moralities that raged like foreign wars in the early 1970s. It could now seem a period piece; its targets, with the hindsight of the 1980s and the new conservatism, almost too easy to pick off. But to read, its toughness and satirical precision hold together, its satirical object is not just the age but contradictory human nature.

I will have you know that I am very big in Holland. My last book, *Entusiasms*, has been translated into Dutch (will the gentleman at the back who observed that it is only fitting in view of the fact that I have been writing in Double-Dutch for years kindly leave the room), and I believe that the police there have already been called out several times to control the crowds trying to force their way into the bookshops.

I have just been sent the customary author's copies, and rather weird experience I have found it. I have seen my words translated into French and German, but these are languages with which I have at least a modicum of acquaintance; of Dutch I understand not a word, and in an idle moment I took down a copy of the original and began to collate some passages.

I turned first to the jacket blurb, which begins: "Bernard Levin is the vast columnist van de Loosdrecht, a singularly unalloyed for I know I have been putting on a bit of weight, but no one could call me vast. On turning to the book itself, however, I began to realize what an appalling task I had set the translator (Pauline Moody), for the elaborate intricacy of my rhetorical style, seen through the distorting mirror of a language so strange to me (and somewhat more so, I suspect, to the translator), seems almost ungraspable in any language but ours."

Take a passage such as this, for instance, which must have put Miss Moody on her guard at once because of the reference to the principal city of The Netherlands:

In Amsterdam, as in London, whole city blocks have been taken over by the pornography industry, and the property developers lie awake at night wondering what further beautiful old buildings they can pull down. In London, as in many other British cities, there are enormous and obtrusive rubbish bins on the pavements, put there by the municipal authorities for civic-minded shopkeepers and business-men, but they are painted in such vile colours, and beset with municipal or commercial advertising in such ugly typefaces, that the result is to make the streets worse than if the bins were not there and the litter was thrown upon the ground, which it usually is anyway.

In Dutch (my apologies to Myneer compositor) that reads as follows:

In Amsterdam zijn evenals in Londen, hele huizenblokken overgenomen door de porno-industrie, en de projectiewikkelars liggen 's nachts wakker terwijl ze zich afvragen welke mooie oude gebouwen ze nog meer kunnen afbreken. In Londen staan evenals in veel andere Engelse steden, grote opvallende afvalbakken op de stoep, daar neergezet door de gemeentelijke autoriteiten of door winkeliers en zakenlieden, maar die zijn in zulke walgelijke kleuren geschilderd, en volgeplakt met gemeentelijk en commercieel reclamewerk in

Satire, done well, is usually a product of a very precise literary skill and a good deal of rigorous intelligence. Lurie's novels please by having both. She might be called an academic author, she studied at Radcliffe, wrote a thesis on Jacobean comedy, spent much time in academic life and is still a part-time Professor of English at Cornell University, where she teaches creative writing and children's literature.

It so happens that Cornell has been a stronghold of structuralism and deconstruction, those two powerful movements in criticism and philosophy that have reshaped the spirit of many English departments in the direction of an organized rigour that has not always been entirely favourable to the study of literature as an act of constructive intelligence. A few cunning asides about all this are to be glimpsed in *Foreign Affairs*. Alison Lurie also reveals here a pleasure in teaching that comes partly from establishing the writer as a real presence and deeply professional activity.

The academic world has given Mrs Lurie a good deal in return, including settings for a number of her novels and a clear, firm interest in the nature of fiction. Two of her early novels have paired titles - *Imaginary Friends* and *Real People*.

The first is about an academic sociologist researching a millenarian sect in New York State, finally becoming not its analyst but its leader and guru. The sect is called the Truth-Seekers, and Mrs Lurie contrasts two forms of the search for truth: the scientific and objective, the religious and impassioned.

The conclusion is relentless and ironic, and the novel a classic comedy about the desire to command knowledge. *Real People* is set in a writers' colony based on Yaddo, an institution that has never been quite the same since the fictionalized, exploring the fallacies in the idea of the timeless pastoral that such colonies promote.

To fact all Mrs Lurie's novels explore the dangerous relations between the imaginary and the real, with exact observation and cunning intelligence. Perhaps it is these qualities, not in enormously long supply in contemporary fiction, which help her books travel the Atlantic so readily. Alison Lurie herself travels fairly regularly, living part of the year in Ithaca, New York, when she is teaching, part in Florida and part in a flat somewhere behind Lord's cricket ground in London.

Her own international theme becomes the subject of *Foreign Affairs* in which an untypical heroine, a 57-year-old professor of

children's literature - the kind of person who in stories does not deserve a story - encounters in a more or less contemporary London the contradictory nature of British images and the confusions of British manners.

The book is discreet and in some respects deliberately low-key, just like its heroine. Romance is what fiction gives us all too easily. Lurie's famous observation has to take purchase on material which, as she readily confesses, is harder to handle than American material. As Henry James said, the American observing British life often has a sense of too much of the superfluous and not enough of the essential. But Mrs Lurie's venture on to the vaunted scene of Europe is cunningly contemporary.

As *The Nowhere City* caught the cultural conflict between the American East and California, *Foreign Affairs* looks again at an old map of literary and emotional relations and revises them with the usual rigour. *Foreign Affairs* is Mrs Lurie's inquiry into the romance of Europe, from a writer who knows that romance is the one thing we all need, but can never trust. And rightly so, in an age of soft dreams, we need her hard edge.

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speaking to or before audiences can immediately tell whether what he is saying is being taken in, and a few moments later, I essayed a joke.

Now any joke in a foreign language is the hardest test of understanding, and my jokes, which tend to be intricately verbal, must be harder than most; astonishment turned to amazement when the audience not only laughed, but laughed with exactly the same reaction-interval as a British audience would. From then on I abandoned all thought of making concessions, and spoke as I would speak at home; never once did the audience fail to respond as an audience at home would.

But that did not exhaust the surprises in store for me. When my talk was finished, I was returned to the penalty-box at the side of the studio; the third guest was Dutch again, but the fourth was German, and she spoke no more Dutch than I did. The same pattern, however, was displayed: it was apparent that the audience understood German every bit as well as they understood English (and the host's German was as complete as his English). When it was all over, I asked how the audience in the studio were selected; I learnt that they were not - as with many British television programmes, people may simply write in for tickets, and since this particular audience would not have known in advance that a Dutchless Englishman and an equally Dutchless German would be on the programme, must have been fully representative of those who watched it at home.

I left in a thoughtful state of mind. I know that Dutch is useless outside The Netherlands except perhaps among Afrikaners in South Africa; like the citizens of many small countries, they must learn other languages or reconcile themselves to communicating by signs and grunts. Well, the Dutch, like the Scandinavians, have taken the more demanding path, and however necessary it has been for them, no one can withhold admiration for the extent of their success. And if anyone could, it would not be a citizen of this country; we are fortunate in having a language that is *lingua franca* all over the world, but that no more excuses our unwillingness to learn other tongues than the Hollanders' command of English is to be regarded as unremarkable because it was born of necessity.

It was after the programme was seen in The Netherlands that I was approached by the Dutch publishers with a proposal for a Dutch edition of *Entusiasms*, and now I trust that I am soaring to the top of the Dutch best-seller list. At any rate, if I am not, it can only be because the Dutch understand English so well that they need no translation, and have all bought the original English edition. But I still think somebody should try making a joke in Dutch on the Wogan show.

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R. C. P. Hanson

Sunday: for thought not dogma

A Member of Parliament once told me that there were only two subjects that really disturb the House of Commons: not miners' strikes, nor the sinking of Argentine cruisers, but Sunday trading and cruelty to animals.

The first subject has been brought before the attention of the public recently and has roused the usual passions, rational and irrational, and has disturbed the usual vested interests.

The idea that Christians are in duty bound to keep the Sabbath on the first day of the week, however, can be supported by no rational argument. Christians are accustomed to rely on three bases for their doctrine: Scripture, tradition, and reason. In the New Testament there is the faintest suggestion that Christians must treat Sunday as Jews treat Saturday. There is evidence that many early Christians of Jewish origin kept the Jewish Sabbath on Saturday. Where writers in the New Testament speak of a Christian Sabbath, they speak of it as the eternal rest God destined for all his faithful followers - what the great Richard Baxter called "The Saints Everlasting Rest".

Tradition also gives no support at all to the Sunday Sabbath. The early fathers of the first five centuries sometimes tried to discourage Christians from keeping Saturday as a Sabbath, but Sunday did not occur to them.

It did occur to some particularly ascetic Irish monks, at around the year 600, when and where this eccentric idea apparently originated. But to take an ordinance of the Jewish law applying to Saturday and arbitrarily to apply it to Sunday is quite unjustified.

Protestants are apt, sometimes without justification, to accuse Catholics of adding arbitrarily and unjustifiably to the creed of Christianity a dogma *de fide*. Catholics could justly reply that the doctrine of Sunday Sabbath is as arbitrary as any of their alleged innovations. To pass by-laws against Sunday trading, as a Paisley local council in Northern Ireland intends to do, on the basis of

this transparently worthless doctrine and thereby ruin people's trade, is as bad an example as anyone could require of sectarian bigotry.

By the same token, we should presumably accept the claim that the white man in Africa is entitled to exploit the black man because of the supposed ancestor of the black, as declared in the Book of Genesis to be destined to serve Shem, the alleged ancestor of the white. If by-laws are to be based on dogma, they might be based on something less ramshackle than this.

But there is something more to be said on the subject. English people mostly do not go to church on Sunday, many of them preferring to stay in bed until the pubs open. Others spend the day reading their Sunday newspapers or cleaning their cars. Is this really all that Sunday means - a weekly rest from earning one's bread and maintaining one's family until the eternal Sabbath rest of the grave is reached?

The chief difference between church attenders and non-church attenders on Sunday is not in any immediately observable behaviour or even lifestyle. It is that the church attenders are prepared to look before and after, to lift their gaze regularly away from the immediate task of satisfying one's needs and appetites, and to look at life, at each person's destiny, and significance in a larger perspective, a deeper dimension than the others.

They can face words like "God, history, salvation, faith", which bore and embarrass the others, and can act on what they discover as a result of this rousing and disturbing experience.

This is the chief significance of Sunday. Observation of it has nothing to do with the rules of the Old Testament, but much to do with answering questions about the meaning of our existence on this planet, which most people prefer to regard as beyond the reaches of their souls. The reach of twentieth-century man's soul is remarkably shallow.

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Roy Strong



Testing times: bathtime as portrayed by Remick in 1967

Hot and culture on tap

A recent statistic which caught my eye was the fact that young people are cleaner than ever before. It crossed my mind again when I performed at the speech day of my old grammar school, for one of the most potent memories of that institution was the smell of human bodies, particularly as one changed for the purgatory of the gymnasium or the sports field. It must also have been part of the social divide, for I remember asking Lady Diana Cooper what struck her most at Belvoir Castle when her father, the Duke of Rutland, opened it to the public at the turn of the century.

"The smell," came the reply. Few memories make one more grateful for the spread of the cult of the bathroom and male toiletries.

In great houses there is always an attic or room which contains dusty ranks of washbasins, jugs and soap dishes recalling the days when droves of maids carried water to each bedroom. For centuries the bathroom was a rarity, which is what makes the Duchess of Lauderdale's marble and tiled one in the pre-war era. It was a half-bath, virtually all marble, but with the straight wall of mirror-glass which completed the geometric form. As Sir Brinsley Ford remarked to me at the time it made demands on the bather and was definitely only for Venuses. It also made the reconstruction of Tilly Losh's one, which was all mirrors, in the 1930s exhibition at the Hayward Gallery look positively common.

The others are ones experienced. The first was in what was a vestry of a country house chapel but transformed into a tent with the bath in the middle. Wired up for piped Wagner, it is the only time that I have wallowed to the sound of Bruckner. The second would be any bathroom in Woburn Abbey. These work on the principle that every guest will forget to bring something and each contains a capacious bowl or basket in which there is everything from toothpaste to an aspirin.

Each in addition has a notice above the bath reminding the bather not to let the tub overflow for it will cause a Henry Holland ceiling to crash down on the heads of the visitors below. I have only seen one other bathroom with a notice to that effect. This time the reminder told the user that on the wall of the room immediately beneath hung the Michaelangelo.

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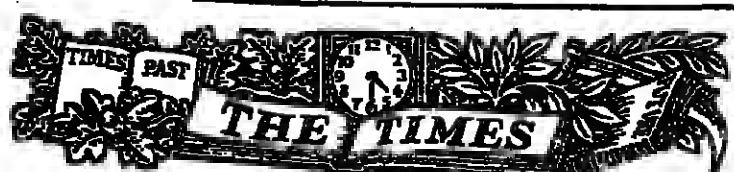
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SECOND TERM

No American President since John Kennedy has been able to project the force of his personality onto the European mind in a way which constitutes leadership. But few of those who have served in the White House between Kennedy and Reagan have been the targets of quite so much orchestrated unenthusiasm as has the latter, whose inauguration for his second term takes place tomorrow and Monday. Kennedy's inauguration speech is still quoted with approval in Europe, though by the time of his assassination his presidency was failing palpably to live up to that early promise. President Reagan, on the other hand, has the momentum of a highly successful first term behind him, a colossal endorsement at the polls, and the prospect of at least two years untrammelled authority ahead. He also has the determination and the personal self-confidence to make the most of it.

Nevertheless these advantages are still dismissed in Europe as being, in some sense, a trick of the American system, or else a phenomenon which has occurred in spite of President Reagan's personality, rather than because of it. There are many factors at work in the restoration of the United States, as one would expect, but it has been President Reagan's conspicuous role to give expression to that rebirth, and we in Europe should not begrudge it.

There is a tendency in Britain to forget how much this country owes the United States and to give greater emphasis to the points of difference than to the many and varied bonds which unite us. Certainly the coming and going of presidents in the past thirty years has given a sense of impermanence to the presidency, even of vulnerability, not just to the assassin's bullet, but to the incumbency of individuals who, for one reason or another, do not appear to live up to the high calling of the office.

We now face the prospect of an eight year presidency, more likely to be achieved at any time since President Eisenhower won his second term thirty years ago. The Eisenhower period is now looked back on as the last golden age of the United States. The prospect of America for the next four years is charged with great promise, as a country restored to economic strength and international self-confidence. In his inaugural address the President has the opportunity to take hold of this phenomenon and project it into the minds of his listeners.

Some of the economic strength now visible in the United States can be attributed to measures in President Reagan's 1981 budget, but much more derives from his own internal momentum. It is not just that the country can now boast a million millionaires.

SPACE FOR STONEHENGE

Cramped behind barbed wire in the acute angle of a junction between two A-roads and accessible only through a dismal pedestrian underpass from the still more dismal cafe and toilets, Stonehenge survives as a place of magic today as much in spite of its surroundings as because of them. The solitude of the megalithic rotunda on the open plain is not easily experienced today, and the summer crowds are so numerous that if they were allowed unrestricted access to the circle, the sarsens would stand in a permanent field of mud. The Army, with its usual exquisite sensitivity to ambience, has erected a housing estate with sewage works a mile away on the western skyline.

Stonehenge is one of the most urgent and challenging of the problems that the Government handed over last year to English Heritage, the newly formed monumental quango, in an exercise in antiquarian hiving-off. It is potentially a highly profitable asset, as it has minimal expenses of the dry-rot-in-the-roof kind and exceptional magnetism for visitors. No fewer than 73 per cent of the thousands drawn to it annually by recollections of Constable, Hardy, Druidical legend or the theory of ley-lines come from abroad, and the squalor of its present facilities must have a considerable influence on the impressions of Britain that they carry away with them. To make the most of the asset and worthily conserve and display the monument calls for bold and sensitive measures.

The commission's plans, published yesterday as a basis for consultation, are attractive. Central to them is a proposal to close the A344 road north of the site. This has been seen as essential by almost everyone

though that figure indicates a breadth and depth of individual achievement which augurs well for the future. It is that technically and economically this optimism and dynamism is pitching the United States into a new post-industrial revolution, in which the potential of, for instance, the space-based missile defence, is merely a part of the overall American assumption that a country which went to the moon in the 1960s will have scaled even further ambitions by the end of the 1980s.

It is this surge forward which has produced the strategic defence initiative which in turn induced the Soviet Union to come back to the negotiating table. Soviet leaders can see that they are faced with a country and a technology which is invulnerable to the kind of diplomatic bullying evident since Soviet diplomats left the Geneva talks 13 months ago vowing not to return.

In the domestic context there are obviously some important issues awaiting President Reagan's renewed attention and resolution in this second term. As Professor Paul McCracken wrote recently "during the first 140 years of America's existence, Thomas Paine's dictum that 'Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil' would pretty well have summed up the national philosophy. Then began the growth of government as measured both by the proportion of the national income flowing through the public sector and by the extent of government regulation in the economy". While other Presidents had their eras branded with such names as the New Frontier or the Great Society, indicating further enlargements of government, President Reagan clearly seems determined to point his national economic policy in the opposite direction.

That struggle is not over, indeed it has hardly begun, to judge by the enormous size of the Federal deficit. The President has to mount a major assault on public spending and borrowing for the good of his own country as much as for the rest of the world.

Overseas President Reagan must be consistent with his past since that has got him where he is now. It would be folly to change now, against his instincts and against the clear cut image of a personality whose very strength now lies in its familiarity and its consistency.

President Reagan has a popular base behind him. The United States economy is a strong plinth on which he can achieve his objectives both at home and abroad. And he has the strategic initiative in his international dealings with the Soviet Union. Much can be done by a man who is at peace with his past, firmly settled in his present and challenged by his future.

who has ever studied the problem, except the users of the A344 themselves. But the road is not heavily used and closure would only impose a detour of about three quarters of a mile. For proper development of the monument it is essential above all to rescue it from its situation virtually on a traffic island, cut off from the prehistoric features most closely associated with it.

At the same time, the cramped bunker and car park, already inadequate but unduly intrusive, should be replaced by a larger centre for visitors further off, with more room for parking and for better displays to explain Stonehenge (as far as we are able to explain it) and the exceptionally rich prehistoric remains in the area. The centre should be within walking distance, with special coaches provided for those who cannot walk, and no intervening barrier of a public road. The probability of large earnings from an attractive and energetically promoted centre would make it an investment with every prospect of ample returns.

The report argues that the "Larkhill West" site would in principle be the most satisfactory of the sites discussed. Set on ground already in public ownership between the monument and the Army housing estate, it would provide the most rewarding experience for visitors, approaching along a footpath with notable antiquities on either side, over rising ground which view impressively close by on the skyline. This site would mean a detour of several miles from the main road for visiting cars, but in other respects its advantages over the other sites are clear.

Why Bill of Rights might be wrong

From Mr William Yonge
Sir, Mr Richard Holme's article in your issue of January 8 would have been better headlined "Put Britain in shackles on the Rights road". Indeed the arguments against the introduction of a Bill of Rights in our country are considerably more cogent than those in favour of such action.

Britain's unwritten Constitution is the result of precedent and tried and tested experience, built up over many centuries. Among its great virtues are that it is extremely flexible and empiric in nature, not based on well-meaning theories. Its replacement by a Bill of Rights would result in a rigidity which would inexorably hamper the efficient functioning of not only the British Government, but also that of the judiciary.

Regarding this last point, one must ask oneself whether many of the freedoms which matter can ever be resolved by litigation. More simply, can the courts, as distinct from those who wield power, decide issues of public policy in Britain today? Unless there is a clear answer to this problem of the rule and power of the judiciary it is pointless to proceed with any plans for a meaningful Bill of Rights.

Most, including Mr Richard Holme, who advocate a Bill of Rights would favour enacting the European Convention on Human Rights, whose characteristic is that it spells out in general terms freedom of expression, of the person, of assembly and so on, duly qualified by epithets like "unreasonable", "arbitrary", or "necessary" in the public interest. But what legal consequences are you to attack?

If you say that this is now the law enforceable in the courts, the courts have to decide these issues of "unreasonable", "arbitrary" and the like. For that reason jurists of the stature of Lord Gardiner oppose a Bill of Rights; they say that the judges would have an impossible task, so inherently uncertain is the limit of such qualifications.

Broadcasting's future

From Mr David Graham
Sir, Your proposal on the future of broadcasting doesn't go far enough, certainly not as far as the logic of your articles (January 14-16) would imply.

It is perfectly reasonable to propose a national channel of news and current affairs operating within Government guidelines but at arm's length from Government. It might be reasonable to hold the questions of programmes for "minorities" under review for a decade as new technologies and new distribution systems emerge. But the other features of "public-service broadcasting" are all duplicated elsewhere and there seems no case for trying to predefine the features of what emerges by franchising particular services.

The franchising should be as open as possible and the best way to do this is to concede property rights in airwaves for a limited period and allow the market to determine what emerges.

A ritual chorus of protest would follow the suggestion. Public-service broadcasting has educational value,

And what of the Bill of Rights? legal effect? Is the bill alone to repeal by implication every existing statute and decided case inconsistent with it? Nobody would know how many of these details were still the law until the bill had been interpreted by the Bill of Rights in the light of them.

The American solution would be to say that every statute in conflict with the bill is to that extent void, and the courts alone would decide the matter. This would be a revolutionary change in the British "Constitution", which has tremendous power to the judiciary which has never been conditioned to exercise.

Such a bill would also result in a drastic rise in litigation, as has been happening in the USA, which has a Bill of Rights, over the past few years, with the result that the courts would become intolerably clogged and cases would be delayed even more so than they are at present.

If the purpose of such a bill is merely to prevent the Government from taking our liberties away from us by stealth it is unnecessary; as the courts will have to decide the issues. Joseph's proposals for student grants shows clearly, backbench MPs are not easily taken in or overawed by the power of the Executive.

If this is the criterion by which proponents of a Bill of Rights worry, the criterion which they follow is that a citizen's liberty would be better protected by such a bill, then they ought to reflect for a moment.

Under a Bill of Rights, the very rigidity of its statutes renders them more liable to abuse. The establishment of one particular set of laws, intended to cover all eventualities, would probably lead to confusion rather than to better organisation. Under our unwritten Constitution the adaptability of our conventions makes it far easier to give rulings suited to each individual case.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM YONGE,
33 Clancarty Road, SW6,
January 10.

say some. Hardly any educators agree. Public-service broadcasting brings the poor cultural artefacts they could not otherwise receive. Yet today they can hire videos of grand operas for £2 per night. Broadcasting as it has been up to now is an unsatisfactory medium. Instead of selling programmes to people, it has subsisted on taxes or sold audiences to advertisers. The shape of most public broadcasting in its present form is an expression of the prejudices of the intelligentsia. You were not firm enough in your rebuke of those who think "quality" is the reason for keeping public-service broadcasting in its present form. The most relevant remark on this subject came from Sir Philip Goodhart, MP, in 1982. He said: "It is worth remembering that... the greatest single decline in cultural, aesthetic, and philosophical standards was produced by the printing press".

Some people's ideas about "quality" aren't necessarily good for the rest of us.

Yours faithfully,
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Motorway 'Messiah'

From Sir Thomas Armstrong
Sir, Dr Alan Bailey, in your issue of January 5, expresses wonder at recent technological achievements that make it possible for him to hear a performance of the Messiah while driving his car along the motorway. In this connection he uses the word "listening", thus raising the whole question of what is involved in the act of listening to music. How much of Dr Bailey's available concentration is devoted to Handel, and how much to the hazards of motorway driving?

Further striking evidence of what can be done for music by our present-day skills is provided by a new version of Wagner's overture, *Die Meistersinger*. This arrangement, the publisher claims, is effective for any ensemble "from just violins and keyboard up to the full symphony orchestra".

"All string parts can be played in the first position, and there are no rapid runs... the 'easy' upper string part moves with the melody whenever possible... woodwind and brass parts were copied

whenever possible from the original score." But considerable adjustments must have been necessary here, since only two horns are specified in this version, which also includes parts for reeds and saxophone, instruments that Wagner did not employ.

The publisher is indebted to a percussion specialist "for extending the score and so reducing the number of blank bars". We cannot be sure whether these bars were left blank by oversight or on purpose; but we may hope that Wagner would now be glad to have them imaginatively filled up with additional instruments and effects that he did not himself envisage.

Duration, for this version, is given as six minutes. So here also there is clear gain, since our old-fashioned, unperfected performance of this overture used sometimes to take half as long again. Like Dr Bailey, Sir, I am wondering...

Yours sincerely,
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Newton Blossomville,
Near Turvey,
Bedfordshire.

Reform in the City

From Mr John Watson Parton
Sir, On Tuesday, December 18 last, exactly one week prior to Christmas, the few electors and residents who comprised the voters of five wards of the Corporation of the City of London were required to find time to cast their votes in elections held for Common Councilmen to serve for the ensuing year. In the other 20 wards of the City, returning councilmen were duly re-elected at ward meetings unopposed. To say the least, such a time of year is an awkward hour to arouse interest in civic affairs.

Surely, for the benefit of voters and residents, it is now opportune for the City Corporation to re-constitute the civic programme and to fall in line with all other local authorities by holding annual elections in May. In order to enhance the great historic significance of the City as the chief commercial and financial centre of the nation and to assist in the promotion of tourism the induction of the Lord Mayor and the Lord Mayor's Show should be held on the first Saturday in June annually, when the weather and other factors would be more advantageous for the promotion of such a picturesque and popular event.

The City Corporation now has the opportunity for such reform, for implementation of such changes is being recommended by the select committee now considering the

Representation of the People Bill now before Parliament in committee stage.

Yours respectfully,
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Kew, Richmond, Surrey,
January 7.

A vocation vanishes

From Mr Sidney Gilliat
Sir, May I express my mild surprise on learning that Messrs Charters and Caldicott (conceived under this roof here in 1936 and developed with my partner, Frank Launder, for *The Lady Vanishes*) were, as Peter Daville puts it ("Choice," January 10), "minor functionaries... working for the foreign service".

Launder and I always made a point, both in that picture and the three films and two radio serials featuring Charters and Caldicott which followed it, of never mentioning their vocations. So even had the "B" ever had the courtesy to consult, or merely notify, the original authors we could have given them little help in that direction.

With due respect to Mr Daville, they were never "silly asses of the Ralph Lynn school" but more of a reaction against that tradition - *solenne asses*, whose silences were often more eloquent than their speech.

Yours faithfully,
SIDNEY GILLIAT,
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Pewsey, Wiltshire.

Sense of direction for Catholic Church

From the Reverend Michael G. Murphy

Sir, In this morning's *Times* (January 7) your Religious Affairs Correspondent, Mr Clifford Longley, expresses his bewilderment at the nostalgia felt by many Roman Catholics for the days of the pre-Vatican II Church, and he interprets it as a desire on their part to turn the clock back. May I offer a different interpretation.

What is being experienced is not a nostalgia for the life-style of the earlier Church, for the nostalgia is felt even by many who fully support the achievements of the Council. It is, rather, a longing for the old family feeling, the sense of unity which then existed in the Church, in spite of its many failings.

And may I suggest that that sense of unity did not come simply from the use of Latin in the liturgy, nor from the use of the catechism in Catholic schools, nor from any other external effect. It derived from a common, inner sense of direction, drawn from the Church's consistent optimism for holiness.

One could sum up the top priority for the Church before the 1960s as being "holiness for all". Since holiness is love at its best, this gave the members of the Church a powerful unifying motivation, as it had done for almost 2,000 years.

What motivates the Church members today? What has top priority? If they will ask the theologians they will receive a confusing array of answers. And when they ask the liturgists they are saddened by their lack of enthusiasm for the saints, who made holiness live.

In this time of confusion in the Church are the members to be blamed for looking to Pope John Paul II for the restoration of the sense of direction? Or is it the Pope who is to blame for his article as "not a great leader, nor a great administrator". Is that because he is thought to be leading the Church in the wrong direction? No one in the world doubts that he is leading the Church. Surely no one doubts either his commitment to the aims of Vatican II?

What Pope John Paul II is doing is to restore to the Church its authentic sense of direction, towards the objective given to it by its founder - "My Father is perfect". In doing that he is giving new heart, and a new sense of family feeling, to all of us, weak and all too human members of the Church. I remain, yours sincerely,
MICHAEL G. MURPHY,
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Okehampton,
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January 7.

From Mr Bogdan Szaikowski
Sir, Clifford Longley in his article, "Catholic swing to conservatism", dismisses Pope John Paul as a "romantic figure, a lover of great symbolic gestures". However it would appear that it is Mr Longley who is the romantic.

Cool appraisal

From the Director of the Radcliffe Meteorological Station, Oxford

Sir, Your news item in *The Times* of January 8 and the subsequent letter (January 11) from Mr R. Malcolm on the subject of the "wind chill factor" indicate that both this expression and the concept itself are unfamiliar to those Britons who have not lived or travelled in North America in winter.

It also shows how rarely we in Britain experience the unpleasant, and sometimes dangerous, combination of very low temperature with a strong wind; however, in these circumstances the concept is relevant and meaningful. It is even apparent when watching cricket on a cool and windy day in May.

In a simplified form its calculation is quite easy; one merely adds the wind speed in miles per hour to the number of degrees below a particular temperature whether expressed on the Fahrenheit or Centigrade scale.

A temperature of minus 10 Centigrade with a wind speed of 2 miles per hour will not feel so cold as a temperature of zero degrees with a 25 mile per hour wind. In the first case the wind chill can be represented by the value 12 and in the second case by the value 25. This is a rough and ready method, but it illustrates the principle.

Discomfort experienced in hot climates is not a direct function of temperature but rather of a combination of temperature, relative humidity and wind speed. The concept of "effective temperature" or the "comfort index" is widely used in the United States during the summer months. It is the basis of medical advice given to the Armed Services, and to expeditions when going to hot countries.

Both these concepts, "wind chill" and "comfort index", deserve to be better known. They were, for instance, implied in the advice given in the article, "Wish you were where?" by Bill Burroughs and Shona Crawford Poole (January 12). Their application is described and values can be calculated from the simple graphs to be found in *The World Weather Guide* by Pearce and Smith (Hutchinson, 1984).

Yours faithfully,
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Preserving peace

From Mr R. J. Wasilewski

Sir, In Munich in 1938 war "was avoided" and peace "preserved" at the cost of Czechoslovakia. Later in Tehran and in Yalta, again, the escalating differences between the major Allied Powers were superficially covered up at the cost of Polish independence.

Now Professor Bondi (January 7) suggests we should continue to follow towards the Soviet Union "the policy of containment", and that "the enormous price paid by the Poles, the Czechs, and... by all Germans... is essential (in view of) the supreme need for the avoidance of major war in Europe".

Not only does he give credence to the non-sensical story about the Pope threatening to arrive in Warsaw to face arrest and imprisonment - a story incidentally which, when relayed to the Pope, caused him somewhat pained amusement - but he also clearly feels a reticent disappointment that the Pope lacks the "skill" to act as some sort of Vatican superman able, as Mr Longley naively puts it, to "turn history".

This shows a fundamental misconception as to how the Church sees its role, for in essence it must operate in different dimensions and time scales to those used by contemporary social groups.

As for the "dramatic journeys overseas", the impact of these visits may be dramatic, but I can assure Mr Longley that if the Polish and Nicaraguan visits are anything to go by, the lengthy, intensive and painstaking negotiations and preparations are anything but dramatic and indicate an extremely shrewd grasp of the political realities.

To suggest that these visits are conceived out of some sort of romantic vanity is not only a gross insult to the Pope's deep spirituality but also to his very considerable intelligence.

I remain etc,
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From the Reverend Christopher Basden

Sir, One wonders at the motivations behind such contentious personal attacks as in Mr Longley's latest critique of Pope John Paul II. Be that as it may, there are three areas with which I would like to take special issue.

Firstly, he claims that the Pope's pastoral journeys are only theatrical and that they leave little visible trace. This is most certainly debatable, especially in these islands.

Secondly, he claims that the present Pope has initiated conservative, episcopal appointments. The most "conservative" appointments in recent years were made by Pope Paul VI in the Netherlands.

Thirdly, to claim that the Second Vatican Council's "fundamental principle" is the diminishing influence of Pope over local church is surely far off the mark. The Council was concerned with re-emphasizing and asserting that the laity are included in the urgent mission of the Church and the evangelical call to sanctification.

Finally, to dub the present pontificate's policies as a swing to conservatism is simplistic. It is surely a swing to consolidation and to the true promulgation of the Vatican Council's spiritual aims.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER BASDEN,
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Future of art colleges

From Mr Brian Chadwick

Sir, In your article (January 8) we learn from Philip Hamer, ILEA's deputy education officer, that the proposed London Institute would almost certainly create one of the premier art and design institutions in Europe. However, he neglected to mention that in doing so, it would absorb five of the world's premier colleges of art and design. This seems poor arithmetic.

The article suggested that the institute would decide how to organise itself, whereas existing proposals stated in the steering group's report that the aim of these decisions would be taken by the newly-appointed director and the ILEA.

Had the authority intended that the constituent colleges of the proposed institute were to decide how it should be formed one would have expected them to set up formal consultative machinery to take adequate consideration of the views of teaching staff and students.

For instance, who will decide how long present colleges will be maintained, how many departments and courses will remain and who will take the crucial decisions on levels of staffing and student numbers? And according to what academic criteria?

To leave these decisions to bodies which are neither accountable nor sufficiently representative of teaching staff and students is surprisingly at odds with the principles publicly espoused by the authority on democracy and participation.

We have seen similar attempts at producing one monolithic institution come to grief.

Yours faithfully,
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Round pounds

From Mr Graham Noble

Sir, Surely the gravest disadvantage of the reviled pound coin is that, pinching it between thumb and forefinger in place of a note, one fails abysmally to attract the attention of pub staff over the heads of determined drinkers standing several deep at a bar.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM NOBLE,
9 St John's Church Road,
Hackney, E9.

From Mr John Coldwell Griffiths

Sir, The new pound coin is singularly appropriate for tipping porters, like the old sixpenny piece it is of a size and shape that allows it to be easily slipped from palm to palm.

It is a pity that there are so few porters left.

Yours faithfully,
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Swansea.



ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 19 1963

Mr Hugh Gaitskell died on January 18 1963 in the Middlesex Hospital. He was 56 and had been leader of the Labour Party since December 1955. The following was written by "Our Political Correspondent".

DEATH OF GAITSKELL

Amid all the grief that will be felt in the political world that Hugh Gaitskell should have been suddenly cut off as his career as party leader looked like approaching fulfilment, there must also be calculations of the consequences for his party, and also for the Government to whom he represented the main challenge as the alternative Prime Minister.

For Labour until a few days ago there had always seemed to be the advantage, over the Conservative Party, that they possessed a leader full of service who was growing in stature, and all the speculation about future leadership was disavowed by the Conservatives. The picture has now radically changed.

NO PARTY HEIR

It is a stark truth for Labour and for those who believe in the importance of a strong, established opposition party, that Mr. Gaitskell left no party heir who can assume his mantle without the challenge of those who immediately take control by a natural process of evolution.

Mr George Brown and Mr Harold Wilson, the two leading contenders, fought a contest for the deputy leadership on only one November 11. Mr Brown won by 30 votes. With the leadership at stake the result could well be very different, and whatever the outcome of a contest between them might be, the result would divide the Parliamentary Party for some time to come.

Neither Mr Brown nor Mr Wilson has so far shown that he deploys the temperance, the all-round party popularity, or the special kind of commanding ability that would make him overwhelmingly acceptable straight away to the Parliamentary Party or to the Labour movement outside Parliament. This should not be reckoned a rough judgement, for much the same was true in Mr Gaitskell's experience in the years after he succeeded Lord Attlee as leader in 1955. It is inevitable in a coalition party like Labour.

Whoever succeeds him may also grow in popularity, but the aim of the challenge, but anybody who knows the history of the Parliamentary Labour Party will be sure that he, too, will not establish his authority as leader without an exhausting, and perhaps damaging, struggle.

IS A GREAT TEST ASSET

But enough of political speculation. Let one who mourns a personal loss say that here was a scholar who came into politics and at such personal cost kept his scholar's integrity and his political ideals untarnished.

In a sense the party troubles that caused him in the last three years to overwork with too much conscience partly flowed from the fact that he was not by temperament or intellectual habit the born politician - using the word in its most noble sense. Devotion and integrity were not part of him, and he certainly suffered for it. Yet Hugh Gaitskell's integrity was not politically fatal. It became his greatest asset, within the Parliamentary Party and in the country.

Now there is a vacuum in the Labour Party leadership, just as there is a vacuum in the hearts of Hugh Gaitskell's friends.

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The global golf course beckons those whose idea of a perfect holiday is an energetic 18 holes followed by a tippie at the nineteenth

Driving off into the sunset

Alan Hamilton tees up in the wilds of Ireland

I was pretty decent of The Major, an absolute whizz of a golfer, to include one such as myself on a recent expedition to some choice Irish greenlands. To describe my abilities with ball and sticks as modest would be verging on hyperbole.

Two worries nagged as the Aer Lingus Boeing 737 lifted over Staines reservoir in the direction of Shannon, and the fustiness explaining that the journey was too short for the service of a hot meal was not one of them. The first was the weather, for it was already late October on the far Atlantic seaboard of Europe; the second was every bad golfer's dread of duffing the first drive in full centre stage to a packed gallery of scorn behind the clubhouse window.

"Fear not", said The Major, a kindly soul. "It's not the winning that counts, but the Paddy and the card school afterwards."

Both fears proved misplaced. The October winds lamented over the Kerry shore, bringing so much rain that I prayed the QE2 was not in mid-voyage, for there cannot have been enough water left in the Atlantic to float her. But it had the decency to come at night, or at breakfast time, dropping from the veils of the morning to reduce visibility to well below par 3.

Yet over a three-day weekend we were beaten only once, when the curtains of rain draining from our eyebrows destroyed our vision and threatened to dilute the contents of the hip flask. The second fear proved even more fanciful. The Irish, a people of deep understanding, place their first tees well out of sight of the clubhouse, so that duffing may occur in the privacy of one's own garden.

To Ballybunion first, two hours' drive from Shannon through the bottleneck of Limerick town, a majestic and challenging links carved from the sand dunes of the Kerry shore and voted, in more than one golfer's poll, as among the world's finest. The club secretary was the friendliest of men; to the Irish, golf holds no snobbish or social cachet, and to do a day's battle with these ferocious dunes costs a nice Irish fiver. Chieftain tank crews in training would certainly get their money's worth.

The main hazard at the first hole is a graveyard lying to the right of the fairway, and at almost every other hole it is the howling, but usually mild, wind, the rolling Atlantic on the one hand, and tuff marmar and other assorted very hairy stuff on the other. The fairways are narrow, the bunkers copious,



Wayfarer's guide to the fairways

the tough rough, and the approach to the greens make the Khyber Pass look like the Vale of Evesham. Never mind the distance, just keep them straight.

The course was in excellent condition, its greens in particular fine fettle. In an adjoining stretch of dune they are building a second course, whose 12 operational holes we tried. It is still immature, but three or four years of good grass growing may make it even better than the existing course, with one monstrous hole of 612 yards which, still only a par 5, drives the likes of me to despair and a quiet game of snooker.

Would that Ballybunion town could exude such enthusiasm. It was, in a word, shut, and it had that weary air of hangover without any signs of ever having been drunk. The Ambassador Hotel was enlivened only by a wedding party which was in full swing when we arrived; we never did see it finish.

Let us, we said, eat out. It was not a wise decision; Ireland is paying the price, mainly in crippling rates of VAT, for its years of whorship when it first joined the EEC. Food is expensive and, in the main, distinguished only by quantity. There are superb restaurants and hotels, but they are no more ubiquitous than they are in provincial England. We learned that eating in golf clubhouses has much to recommend it.

Creeping out of Ballybunion at last we should unwittingly wake it from liberation, we dashed 50 miles through shivering rain to Killarney, the very antithesis of Kerry's wild shore. This is Ireland's Scotland, a gem of lakes and the jagged gabbro peaks of MacGillivuddy's Reeks. Raising the head when it should be addressing the ball can almost be forgiven before such a backdrop. At least, that is my excuse for the occasional air shot.

It had rained mightily in the night, and the dawn brought what the Irish call a soft morning; that is, even the ducks were taking shelter. The clubhouse bar was already open at 9.30am, and the rain miraculously stopped, and a drying sun appeared, after only one round of bull black stouts. The courses were sodden, and every ball so plugged itself into the spongy turf that any attempt to play it free brought an artillery battery of water and fine Irish mud.

Both the Killarney lakeside courses, Killeen and Mahony's Point, are gentler and more picturesque than Ballybunion. They are parkland, and there is a great deal of standing timber to contend with. I must admit that I fired quite a few owls at the trees. There are moments in mid-course which, were it not for the scenery, might be in danger of being dull, but they are more than compensated for by several waterside holes that virtually have to be played across the lake. If you don't make it to the green with your drive, then the splash sounds the disaster and another £1.25 lost forever.

We stayed at the Aghadoe Heights Hotel outside Killarney, a modern and pleasant place with a dramatic, panoramic view of the rain from its dining room window. Thence another 55 miles to Cork for a return flight.

I have to tell you that I won the championship but only by being granted by the handicap committee, of which The Major is sole member, an advantage hitherto unknown in the annals of the game for its generosity. I am, however, far too embarrassed to tell you what it was. Decent chap, The Major.

In the swing with a champion

Mitchell Platts marks his card in Portugal

Henry Cotton, regarded in many clubhouses as the patron saint of English golf, stumbled on the secret by accident one day. He spotted an old motor tyre behind the professional shop at Temple Golf Club, near Maidenhead, and gave it a good kick to get it out of the way.

In a flash he realized the significance of what he had done. And that is why it is now not unusual to find a frustrated golfer steaming under a hot Portuguese sun and whacking an old bald tyre with all the fury of a boxer on a tiger hunt. For Portugal is where the master now lives and works for much of the time - and the idea of taking steel to rubber is one of his corrective solutions to the amateur's technical faults.

Golfing gods teach in mysterious ways. Let Cotton himself explain his discovery: "I was always seeking a faster impact so I spent hours and hours swinging a club through thick grass because it offered greater resistance to the club head. I even considered filling a trough with treacle but that seemed likely to be a little messy."

The tyre drill provided the optimum solution. It is important to educate the hands to complement each other so that they work in harmony. Using a tyre you can develop strength and flexibility and, since contraptions are essential, you can use the left hand to back hand the club against the tyre then move to the other side and beat out some forehands.

It sounds like a load of Dunlop 65s. But say that to Henry or, for that matter, my wife, and you are likely to be verbally lifted out of bounds. Several years ago she was put to the test and, even with a swing more at home on the hockey field, completed the tyre drill with such success that she became an instant convert to the game.

It certainly seemed to work for Cotton. He won the British Open three times, and then progressed, among other things, to designing golf courses and conveying invaluable advice to enthusiastic students. His self-styled monument in Penina in the Algarve of Portugal - a course which he created out of a rice field in the 1960s.

Of course, the notion that this exercise will make you a club champion overnight belongs to the Walter Mitty's rather than the budding Jack Nicklauses. But it will certainly help you to play the six courses

in the Algarve, which together provide a stiff test for your game and your patience.

The Algarve stretches 100 miles from Vila Real de Sao Antonio on the Spanish side, to the noble Cape St Vincent and you can enjoy golf there all year round. In February it is breathtaking, with a profusion of almond blossom giving the impression that snow has fallen; later, the figs, lemons, oranges and pomegranates will ripen beneath the sun.

All six courses - Dom Pedro, Palmares, Penina, Quinta do Lago, Vale do Lobo and Vilamoura - and the airport at Faro are within an hour's drive from each other, so it is worth hiring a car.

If you are likely to erupt into a Vesuvius of a temper, like one companion of mine who hurled his club so far after a boomerang slice that it was more difficult locating the club than the ball, then Vilamoura, running through a thick pine forest, is likely to be the most exasperating.

On the other hand, there they have taken steps to eliminate the insanity of rounds lasting more than five hours by keeping a tighter check on handicaps and introducing Rangers who will ask you to leave the course if you fail to respond to requests to quicken up.

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TRAVEL 1

Active service: Some of the alternatives on offer to those who want to get up and go...

Sur votre bicyclette, mon brave!

The road climbs steeply from the valley of the Loire at Le Puy and I rode all the way up to the windy plateau of the Devès - no cheating. That's the benefit of cycling on a good bike with low gears. Add the need to get on, before the sun turns hot, and an early start puts a daily stage of 60 miles or more within the range of possibility. My destination was the distant Pyrenees, 500 miles away across France; my route, the old pilgrim road from Le Puy to St-Jean-Pied-de-Port. All I had to do was get there.

A cycling journey benefits from a theme, but the big snag with the pilgrim road is that it runs east to west across the grain of the country, over and into an endless series of hills and river valleys. On the other hand, the big advantage is that the route lies mainly on minor roads which keep the cyclist well away from heavy traffic, and runs through some pretty, out-of-the-way places.

Le Puy, where my journey begins, is a curious medieval town, dominated by sharp spire hills, or *pyls*, one topped by a huge red statue of Our Lady, forged from cannon captured at Sevastopol, another crowned by the medieval chapel of St Michel de l'Aiguille. A night and dinner at the Hotel Licorn, just across from the station, set me up for the journey and that essential early start.

The road to the Pyrenees runs west over a windy plateau to the first valley, a long descent to the Hotel Sarda at Montlaur by the river Allier. This is run by David and Joëlle West, an Anglo-French couple, whose cooking attracts the admiration of the local Auvergnats. "And do they like eating?" Joëlle said. "A group came in last week with £300 to spend and said, 'What can you do for us?' Since our top menu is only 140c (£13) we could do a lot, all the spare money hereabouts goes on food."

The road climbs up 4½ miles out of the Allier valley, an ideal way to work off the Wests' lunch, then on over the mountains of the Marguerite to

the beautiful rolling country of the Gevaudan, through Saugues to the little town of Aumont-Aharac. By early evening, having covered 70 miles from Le Puy that day, I was very glad to get there and beginning to suspect that I had bitten off more than I could chew.

Aumont lies on the eastern edge of the moorland wastes of the Aubrac plateau. A night at the Grand Hotel de la Gare, which has a Michelin rosette, marvellous food and a good wine list, spurs the cyclist on for the second day. Money saved by cycling can be spent on such luxuries, but my costs usually rose to the weather due to the "Orange factor". One sunny day, I downed 100c-worth (£10) of this fizzy drink, and calculated that if I had spent as much on petrol I would have gone three times as far for a tenth of the effort - but missed a lot of the fun.

The Aubrac is flat, rolling country, a place of space and sky, littered with standing stones and wonderful to ride across in summer. At Nasbinals I met a camel tied to a tree, and found a llama quietly cropping grass on the roundabout, not the most familiar sights in rural France perhaps, but then the circus was in town.

And so to the village of Aumont: little Aumont was built in 1120 to shelter pilgrims heading for Compostela, and it still retains a great church, Notre-Dame-de-Pauvres, a huge fortified tower (the Tour des Anglais), and several small, inexpensive hotels.

Walkers lay about in the shade down the main street, and more cyclists appeared to join me in a swift plunge down the steep road that leads into the deep green valley of the river Lot.

This is easy riding, even on a hot summer afternoon, beside the sparkling river, through St Come to Espalion, which is crowned by a great ruined castle, and on for the night to Estaing where dinner, bed, breakfast, and a warm spot for the bike at Aux Armes d'Estaing cost just £15. Estaing is a medieval town, wildly picturesque, dominated by the great castle of the Counts d'Estaing, who lived here until the Revolution. It lies at the top of the Lot gorges, which I followed for a little before crossing the

From a camel safari to crime detection

The question most often asked of travel editors is where they take their own holidays. I am not certain whether the answer hoped for is somewhere exceptionally far flung and exotic, or for a place so unspoiled that its mention is as well guarded as a secret. The one answer that comes visible disappointment is to confess that my destination is within walking distance of the office and that I am looking forward to a day or two of paper-hanging and running up new curtains.

That is one kind of best holiday. The other kind of holiday I really enjoy is the what the travel industry chooses to call an "activity" holiday. This is a term - it has all the pejorative overtones of inequity present in phrases like "DIY enthusiasts" - now

covers a fast growing range of exciting possibilities.

You name it and there is sure to be a holiday for it. After skiing, golf was one of the first sports to have its own travel brochures. But quite suddenly, for this summer the agents' shelves are bright with packaged action at home and abroad.

Why not try cycle touring in China (Exodus Expeditions), or the Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding, or white-water rafting in Botswana (Abercrombie & Kent)? Trek in the Peruvian Andes (Wexas) or Exodus Expeditions), or brave a camel safari in India (SITA World Travel). Learn to sail in the Mediterranean (Falcon or Global), or in home waters (Nabholz Sailing Centre, Isle of Wight).

Whether you like the action of a trek or the tranquillity of bird watching, there is an interesting holiday to be taken somewhere in the world.

Of course by no means all activity holidays are packaged. *Adventure Holidays 1985* by David Stevens, published by Vacation-Work, 9 Park End Street, Oxford, (£2.95) contains the most comprehensive listing I have seen of courses and addresses at home and abroad.

The English Tourist Board's book *Activity and Hobby Holidays* (£1.25) lists organizations ranging from schools to hotels as well as holiday companies which offer action and sports holidays for unaccompanied children; arts and crafts holidays and special interest holidays - a catch-all section caters for interests as diverse as crime detection, philosophy and horse racing.

The Sports Council, 16 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1, (388 1277), has an information centre which is open to the public Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

And me? I am going fishing.

Shona Crawford Poole

river and beginning another long climb up and over the mountains of the Rouergue to the pilgrim town of Conques.

The effort was considerable, but worth it: Conques was a dream on this hot summer morning, ablaze with the bright red flowers of the *trompettes de jeric*, which cascaded over the golden-stone walls. The abbey church contains the shrine of Ste Foy, a necessary stop on the pilgrim road, and the sacristy possesses one of the finest collections of medieval treasures in Europe. A brief lunch here at the Hotel Ste-Foy, and then yet another climb, up and up, pinned to the mountain wall by the scorching afternoon sun.

And so it went, up and down relentlessly, to the valley of the river Lot again and, after a very long day, I tottered into the Hotel St Jacques at Figeac, which is the perfect night-stop after a hard day's bash over the hills of the Aveyron.

The road to Cahors, down the valley of the Cele, was mercifully flat and shady, a great relief after the travails of the previous day, in spite of the head-wind which blew great flakes of bark off the plane trees by the river as I butted my way round to the Hotel Melchior.

Cahors has a famous dark wine, the "black wine of Quercy", and an equally famous fortified bridge, the Pont Valentré, which I rode across at dawn next morning, racing the sun to the next major stop on the pilgrim road, Moissac.

Moissac is one of those overlooked little towns, with

two attractions, one ancient, one modern, which make it well worth a visit. The cloisters, and the tympanum on the west door of the church, are examples of the purest Romanesque architecture, and the Hotel Chapou Fin in the main square is friendly, comfortable and reasonably priced; the finest watering-hole in this part of France, you dine like a king on the 50c menu. Not every pilgrim hotel will let you chain your cycle to the main staircase, and rise before dawn to make your coffee.

It was another early start, across another river, the Gironde, mist spilling deep across the road, and a long day's slog across the interminable

steep hills of the Gers, reminding myself that it was supposed to be fun.

This is Gascony, Armagnac country, ancient homeland of D'Artagnan and his pals, where the local drink is the *pousse-pierrière*, the "rapier thrust", a powerful mixture of Armagnac and champagne.

Up-and-down journeys by bike do have one advantage over car travel: avoiding heavy traffic takes you to places you might otherwise miss. Just such a place is Larressingle, a fortified village and a little gem, 3 miles west of Condom. It took only a few minutes to walk around the moat, and hardly more to wander the narrow streets inside the walls, but it

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Golf: Par for the course in the Algarve

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Whatever the problems, the atmosphere is so relaxed that first-time nerves are rare. It is unlikely that anybody will imitate the unfortunate amateur at St Andrews who struck his tee shot between his legs and, as the ball disappeared into the 18th hole, suffered the indignity of his caddy uttering: "Round in one, sir!"

If you go to the Algarve, take an umbrella, in winter and summer, because it does rain and you may need

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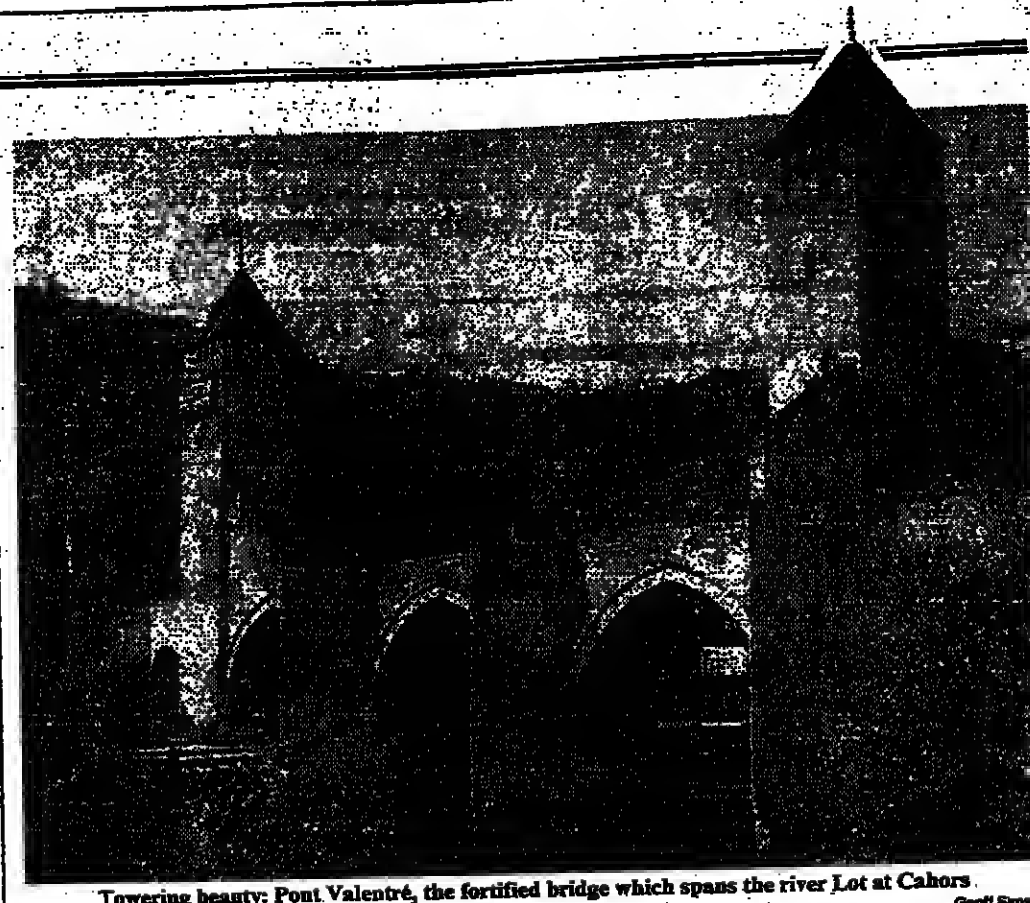
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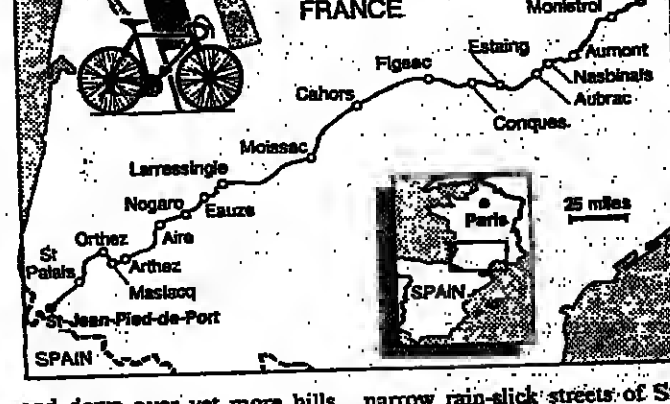
Towering beauty: Pont Valentré, the fortified bridge which spans the river Lot at Cahors

was two hours before I could tear myself away and ride on for the night at Euzé.

West of Euzé where I arrived exhausted after 80 miles of relentlessly rolling country, the land flattens out at Nogaro. The route leads south, to Ales on the Adour, then a wander on minor roads through Geaune, and pretty Arzac-Arziguet, and so to Arthez in Béarn. Here, near the rose-red castle at Morlaire, I saw the Pyrenees for the first time, rising snow-capped out of the heat-haze far across the valley of the gave de Pau, and felt that familiar sensation, half-relief, half-dread, that comes when the end of a journey draws near.

From Arthez the road plunges into the valley, across the rushing torrent of the gave de Pau, to my last night-stop, the Hotel Maugoubert at Maslucq, six miles south-west of Arthez, in level country at last.

Arthez has yet another marvellous fortified bridge, and from here my road led south, up



and down over yet more hills, through Sauveterre to St Palais, in the green and dancing country of the Basques and, after a week of brilliant sunshine, into thunderclouds and rain. Lunch at the Hotel Le Trinquet in St Palais went on for ages and cost less than £8, and then a last afternoon past Ostabat and Larceveau took me through the Porte St Jacques and into the narrow rain-slick streets of St-Jean-Pied-de-Port, at the foot of the Pyrenees.

I had come this far two years ago, following another road to Compostela, and having come this far, why not continue, once more across the mountains into Spain? If it's worth doing, it's worth doing twice.

Rob Neillands

Air France will carry cycles to France free within the baggage allowance. A round-trip Air France ticket, out to Lyon, home from Bordeaux, costs from £151. French Rail carry cycles free and provide a protective carton for £2.50 (£2.75 for Lyon-Le Puy is £5.00). Three Michelin regional maps cover this route: No 239 (Auvergne), No 235 (Midi-Pyrenees), No 234 (Aquitaine). The route is fully described in *Cycletouring in France* by Rob Hunter (Muller, £4.95).

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Sin city and a countryside cluttered with gremlins

Stepping off the Hong Kong plane in Bangkok, the Third World greets you with a smack of hot wet air and a tug on the sleeve. Everyone in Thailand has something to sell - a wooden elephant, a paper snake or a relative.

The only guys not on the

make are the orange-robed monks, and they don't have to be. Joe Public earns merit marks by providing them with meals. This is how it should be, since the Buddhists, their temples and idols are the only things to admire in this seething city.

The Golden Buddha, constructed as his name suggests from five and a half tons of the glistening stuff, seemed a little too pleased with himself for my taste; but the reclining effigy housed in another temple or *wat* nearby is as massively serene as New York's Statue of Liberty and - for a boiled-in-the-bag atheist like myself - just as unexpectedly moving.

In the Grand Palace is the biggest Buddha of all: the Emerald Buddha, confusingly made from jade. He sits high on an altar of gold at the centre of a sea of gleaming spires, and four times a year the faithful come to give him a change of clothes.

On the soles of the Redcliff Buddha's feet are 108 rings supposed to represent the sins of the world. After visiting Patpong Road, Bangkok's red-

light district, I demand a recount. From the moment Whitney sets foot in the area, he is followed by a garrulous gaggle of pimps.

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Tony Partington concludes his Far East tour in Thailand

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woman to distribute the bananas she has bought for the purpose. Instead he gives her a playful smack on the face with his trunk then hoovers down a couple before she can move.

Bangkok, vile though it is, is at least pungently and proudly Thai. Go to Pattaya or one of the other resorts where firms like Jetties are trying to funnel upwardly-mobile beach-culture values, and you could be anywhere in the world.

The management at the Asia Pattaya Hotel had obviously correctly identified the requirements of the Kiss-Me-Quick brigade. The volume in the empty disco could hardly be faulted, and roller-skating waitresses were a great idea - although the poor girls were finding it tough going as they ploughed through six-inch shag pile. Still, we have the technology.

Everywhere you go in Thailand, you see spirit houses, tiny bungalows on sticks, houses with the distinctive local horned gables. The idea is that itinerant ghouls put up here rather than travel the extra few feet down the drive to work their mischief. On a particularly nasty bend on the way from town to hotel in Pattaya stands a veritable penis colony of gremlins, hopping up and down in a cluster of huts erected to draw the sting of a particularly nasty hairpin bend, responsible for many accidents.

The penalty for coming off the road and knocking down that little lot doesn't bear thinking about. You'd probably be in Thailand for the rest of your natural.

For further information telephone Jetties (0342 311155).

On the road from Bangkok to Pattaya there is a chance to see a demonstration of the training of elephants: 10,000 of the wrinkly brutes are apparently still working in Thailand's forests. Half a dozen are put through their paces by men armed with wicked whips. But the clear star of the show is a baby with puffy spikes of hair standing up on his head, who refuses to wait for an American

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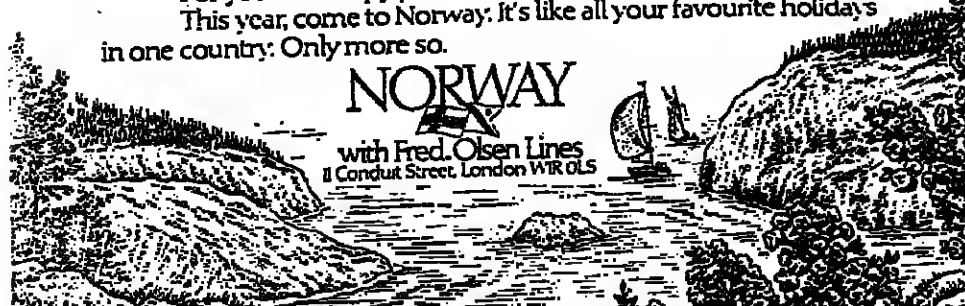
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Views of the cruise

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Video cassettes of the month

REVIEW

Stages in the life of a man born to be King

Last week, as anyone who ever hacked a beehive or donned a drape will be able to tell you, saw the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Elvis Aaron Presley in East Tupelo, Mississippi. Known to millions simply as "The King", his particular vocal style was slurred, an elision from one note to the next; the words of the songs were often mumbled, but he was still the master of emotional delivery until his last, sad shows.

It was as an interpreter of other people's material that Elvis excelled. During the early 1950s, he was the iconoclast who brought black blues music to the top of the pop charts: radio stations used to announce that he was, in fact, a white boy after playing his early singles.

The nickname "The Pelvis", which referred to his gyrations while he was singing, was dropped after the first few years: his manager, Colonel Tom Parker, cleaned up his image and set him on the road to becoming an "entertainer" rather than a rebellious rock and roller. Television shows refused to film him except from the waist up in those early days: watching these videos today, it is hard to understand what all the fuss was about.

Jailhouse Rock, made in 1957, follows the career of

Jailhouse Rock (92 mins); Double Trouble (91 mins); Speedway (93 mins); It Happened at the World's Fair (104 mins); Viva Las Vegas (90 mins); Elvis on Tour (89 mins). All MGM/UA, £24.99 each

Vince (Presley), a young lout who spends time in the state penitentiary and, after his release, decides to become a singer. New to the game and untutored in the devious ways of the music business, he is swindled by a record company and decides to pass and distribute his own single. Wild success follows - along with girl trouble and management problems - but it all turns out happily in the end.

Young and aggressive, with a few coat lines in insult and an extraordinarily rude way with women, it is Elvis's acting which is interesting and not his singing. Apart from the title track, the songs are unmemorable; but he plays the part of a sulky and ill-mannered youth with great conviction.

By the time Elvis had become a star, the films were written as vehicles to show him off at what was thought to be his best advantage. They are not particularly interesting as films and they run to a formula, with Elvis chasing the girl, being given the brush-off, having a

brawl, being kind to children or an errand friend, then winning the race/contest/approval of his elders and getting the girl. Understanding and slick, they do, nevertheless, have some charm and the performances which Elvis turned in are workmanlike and sometimes captivating.

Double Trouble is an unhappy mixture of a comedy/thriller/musical. Its redeeming feature is Elvis's acting, which is a cut above the dreary script and there are one or two moments of slapstick which provide a faint smile rather than a laugh; although Elvis plays a singing star, the music is by now (1967) relegated to a secondary role: the star is seen as a paragon of virtue, a charming young man who takes care of his under-age girlfriend and saves her from her wicked uncle.

Speedway (1968) and It Happened at the World's Fair (1963) follow similar patterns: there are little girls to take care of and to sing lullabies to, there is a big girl for Elvis to fall in love with, and there are the obligatory comic touches - in World's Fair Elvis puts out a blazing frying pan with a bunch of red roses; hardly great drama, but facile, if well-made, entertainment. The songs, which come at roughly 10-minute



Rock of ages: Elvis in his 'Pelvis' days, as the star of Speedway, and towards the end of his career



intervals, were never heard of again.

Viva Las Vegas (1963) did contain one hit song - the title track - and it had the added attraction of Ann-Margret as the heroine, when he had a good actress to work with. Elvis's performance seemed to improve. His acting has a generosity and lightness which give some hint of his enormous appeal during the early 1960s which had faded by the time that he became a showman.

putting on spectacular concerts for the blue-rose set in, ironically, Las Vegas, during the 1970s.

Elvis on Tour (1972) is a collection of clips from four shows, with a few minutes of documentary footage and scenes backstage. It is both depressing and ultimately uplifting.

Glistening with spangles and with his hair a bright blue-black helmet, he lumbers through "Johnny B. Goode". "Proud Mary", "Polk Salad Annie" and "Suspicious Minds", the crowds respond to this parody with screams, sobbing and wild applause.

The backing band is superb but it is not until the last few songs, filmed at a concert in Memphis, that Elvis finally catches fire and reminds us of his unique talent. "Laudy Miss Claudy" and "A Big Hunk O' Love" were both recorded originally in the late 1950s and it is the mixture of rock and

gospel which seems to inspire him. His voice is strong, he smiles and there is an indefinable surge of excitement which lifts the performance out of the routine plod.

An object of veneration to millions, his memory owes a billion-dollar industry. It is hard not to feel saddened that his talent for creating a memorable performance from someone else's words was not put to better use.

Prudence Hone



Hammy Hamlet: Mel Brooks makes monkeys of the video Nazis in To Be Or Not To Be

Winning wars against pirates and nasties

Peter Waymark on the news from the industry

One safe prediction for the volatile world of video is that the issues which have loomed largest in 1983 and 1984 will be much less heard of in 1985. One is piracy - the video industry's version of the old-time piracy of the sea.

On piracy - the video industry's version of the old-time piracy of the sea - it does seem that a combination of the higher penalties available to the courts and the efforts of the industry's watchdog, FACT (Federation Against Copyright Theft), has succeeded in stamping out the worst abuses. The selling of illegally copied tapes still goes on. But what was once a highly organized criminal activity has been contained to the point where pirate copies are now being sold mainly in public houses or from the boots of cars on housing estates.

As for nasties, 1984 saw the passage of the Video Recordings Act, popularly known as the Bright Act after Mr Graham Bright, its MP sponsor. The industry has seen it as an insidious form of censorship, opening the way for the prosecution of any tape that was not suitable for family viewing, a

category that could include any feature film with a 15 or 18 certificate. In practice, though some police forces have been over-zealous in their seizure of tapes - even Love Story because it had love in the title - the Act has not been followed by a wave of prosecutions. Even when videos, like the notorious The Evil Dead, have been brought before the courts, juries have been reluctant to convict.

Indeed some titles withdrawn in anticipation of the Act are being reissued. One such is Possession, a love story and respectable enough to get Isabelle Adjani the best actress award at the Cannes Film Festival in 1981. The test of the Bright Act is how far it bans the genuine nasties while leaving alone films of artistic merit so far the evidence is reassuring.

On the hardware front, the likelihood is that the rapid growth in ownership of video recorders of the last few years will start to slow down. During 1984 the number of machines in use in

Britain rose from around six million to nearly eight million. The industry forecast for 1985 is for a further one and a quarter million machines - a healthy increase but also a sign that the boom may be over.

A glance through the latest software announcements shows that what appear to be new titles are often re-releases of existing ones. Instead of flooding the market with new products, distributors are putting their weight behind the tried and tested ones. This means that the customer will have a narrower choice and that the popular titles will prevail, which may be bad news for those with more discerning tastes, though there are still companies, notably Palace Video, prepared to cater for the minority.

Palace, for instance, is the distributor of The Mission, the well-received thriller about Iranian fanatics in New York with Parviz Sayyad, the Iranian exile. In the triple role of writer-director-star, Palace, too, has put out

Laughtonhouse, an underrated British comedy by Richard Eyre.

Two more examples of the new British cinema making their bow on cassette are Saver's Places (Rank), directed by Zeldia Barrow from Joanne Elliott's novel, set in an English boarding school during the Second World War; and Another Country (Virgin Video). Julian Mitchell's adaptation of his stage play inspired by the spy, Guy Burgess.

More in the commercial mainstream are Police Academy (Warner Home Video), which does for the American cop what National Lampoon's Animal House did for the college campus, and To Be Or Not To Be (CBS/Fox). Mel Brooks's remake of the old Jack Benny comedy about a Warsaw theatre trying to survive the Nazis, Blame It On Rio (Thorn EMI), the romantic comedy, with Michael Caine, could do better on video than in the cinema.

The classic revival of the month is This Happy Breed (Rank). Noel Coward's chronicle of suburban life between the wars

COLLECTING

Cardboard cut-outs, muscles and myths

Like many obsessed collectors, I have a "official" collection (no my case of contemporary art), which I cheerfully admit to owning and even on occasion boast about, as well as several minor ones. One or two of these might be regarded as distinctly eccentric. Items from what is probably the oddest of them have now begun to appear framed on my walls, interspersed with the modern paintings and drawings, so I suppose I may as well stop being coy about it. I collect movie-stills.



Still going strong: Steve Reeves in Hercules Unchained

These are not the highly polished glamour portraits of the great Hollywood stars of the 1930s - Marlene Dietrich, Joan Crawford, Clark Gable and the rest - which are oodles of my collection. They are more like the fashionably and often distinctly expensive, but still from what French *chic* used to call "peplum pictures". The boys from *Cahiers du Cinéma* took these very seriously indeed, but on the whole no one else has ever done so, either when they were made or since.

The two best-remembered and most typical examples are *Hercules* and *Hercules Unchained*, both starring Steve Reeves. They triggered off a whole cycle of similar pictures, most of them made in Italy in the late 1950s and '60s, though there have also been recent signs of a revival in the genre. A *Hercules* movie was made quite recently, starring Lou Ferrigno, better known as the Incredible Hulk.

"Peplum pictures" are recreations of Greek myth in comic-strip terms. They feature bearded bodybuilders clad in abbreviated tunics (hence the generic name), lush Italian beauties robed in clinging chiffon, suits of armour which would have amazed any Greek by their sheer impracticality, acres of cardboard architecture, and unbelievably stilted dialogue studded with ludicrous Americanisms. This is often totally out of synch with the actor's life.

My great discovery, made when I stumbled across a couple of Steve Reeves stills almost by accident, was that still pictures are in this case a good deal better than the moving version. These moments of frozen action, mercifully silent, have a heroic affluence which the films themselves only vainly aspire

to. The more extravagant images remind me of the Pergamon Altar in East Berlin.

Having come across a few Steve Reeves stills by chance, I then set forth in search of similar material. It turned out to be less easy to find than I had supposed. Steve Reeves himself is still a cult star, with a faithful fan club, even though he stopped making movies about 15 years ago, and only completed about 10 films in all.

Some of these were, I think, never released to Britain, presumably because they were dreadful even by the standards of their genre. In Britain one can buy, from specialist shops dealing in movie memorabilia, posters for many of these films, themselves rather fetching examples of 1960s pop design. Prices range from £5 to about £25, according to condition and rarity. One can also occasionally find sets of lobby cards in billious colours. But the black-

and-white stills are difficult to come by.

The situation is different in the United States and I now try to add to my collection of stills every time I go to New York though here, too, stills featuring Reeves are much more readily available than those showing his lesser rivals, among them the British bodybuilder Reg Park.

Shops such as Cinemabilia are excellent sources of supply, and produce folders of stills for one to choose from. Cheaper and with an even richer stock is an extraordinary hole in the wall called Jerry Ohlinger's Movie Material Store Inc at 120 West 3rd Street. This is in a strange little area between Greenwich Village and SoHo, and forms one of a row of rather similar stores - the others deal in the arena of Punk Rock.

Jerry Ohlinger's has no frills. It is about the width of a railway carriage, and has a counter immediately inside the front entrance where would-be customers jostle for position, like thirsty drinkers trying to catch the barman's eye in a busy pub. When you have succeeded, it's as well to know precisely what you want - not merely the name of the star, but the title of the particular movie as well.

Convince the staff that you know what you are after and they become immensely helpful and start pulling out portfolio after portfolio, each one stuffed with the popular dreams of our time. When I was last there, ordinary post-war stills were priced at the flat rate of \$2.50 each.

Auctions

BOOK WORLD: A sale rich in travel and topography, including a John Speed world atlas of 1678 (estimate £15,000) and a 17th-century volume of European town views (£12,000). Phillips, Blenheim Street, London W1 (829 5602) Viewing Tues, Wed, Sat 4.30pm, Thurs 9am-noon. Sale Thurs, 1pm.

PRINTED EPHEMERA: Signed photographs, cigarette cards, Steuergraphs and Bieder prints. Of particular interest are three postcards from the Collection des Cent, 1901. Christa's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (581 7811), Fri, 2pm.

Edward Lucie-Smith

Landscapes of England, metals and models

Although not going so far as to camp on the pavement, first day shoppers at the Agnew's 112th Annual Exhibition of Watercolours and Drawings are renowned for their eagerness. "We always claim it's the only show that has a queue", Susan Valentine of the gallery says. As a special concession to the genteel stamping of feet (due in equal parts to impatience and the cold), Agnew's will open a quarter of an hour early, at 9.15am, on Monday, the first morning of the sale.

This must be one of the few London sales that will not attract the Americans, currently wielding the mighty dollar in their attack on Knightsbridge.

The nice thing about this exhibition is that 90 per cent of the customers are English", Ms Valentine says. "Americans don't know anything about English watercolours."

Buyers, she says, are "English county families" after "a scene of a river down the road from home". There are plenty of such subjects in the show, including typical rural English scenes as well as specific landmarks: Conisburgh, Snowdon, the Thames at Chelsea Reach. Among the finest works are a series by Thomas Girtin, of Tintern Abbey, Exeter and Durham Cathedrals.

Prices range from £25 upwards. Few exceed £1,000 but of exceptional quality are two watercolours by Turner, "The Valley of the Wharfe" and "Bonnieville, Savoy". Their prices are so high they have not been printed in the catalogue. "They cost tens of thousands",



Smart art: Detail from 'Cézanne Paints a Cézanne' by Red Grooms

my informant says, explaining the firm's diffidence on the subject with "rich people are just as funny about money as the rest of us". The opening of Agnew's watercolour exhibition coincides almost exactly with the closing tomorrow of the Victoria and Albert Museum's The Lake District, which includes many watercolours by the same artists.

Galleries-going Americans might feel more tempted by two other West End galleries next week: Blond and Marlborough Fine Art. Having moved from Sackville Street, Jonathan Blond reopens on Wednesday in Princes Street, W1, where he plans to run more contemporary shows and fewer of his other speciality - British art of the 1920s and '30s.

His new artistic home is much larger than most West End galleries, with higher ceilings. He has kept it spartan

GALLERIES

Photography

Red Grooms: Recent Work. The 48-year-old Tennessee-born artist Red Grooms has installed a life-size cardboard re-creation of an alleyway in downtown New York City, replete with fire escapes, graffiti-covered walls and human detritus.

Red Grooms is a famous name in the United States, collected by the Hirshhorn Museum, Washington, the Metropolitan in New York and the Chicago Art Institute.

His work is figurative and in mixed medium, including expressionist paintings, cardboard sculpture and environmental works. Also inspired by the many countries he visits. After Japan, for example, he made models of Tokyo and a geisha girl; after England he produced a cardboard London double-decker bus; accurate in general (colour correct, jammed full of multi-racial passengers) but not in particular (the number 4 has never travelled to the King's Road; conductors do not wear checked Rupert Bear trousers). Perhaps in order to be spared the criticism of pedantic residents, Red Grooms rarely shows his work in the country of its inspiration.

Next week's exhibition is Red Grooms's first in Britain, and consists mainly of work from last summer when he lived in France. It includes portraits of Sartre, Camus, Cézanne and Monet as well as humorous cardboard models entitled "Les Demoiselles de Marseilles".

Sarah Jane Checkland

112th Annual Exhibition of Watercolours and Drawings opens at Thos Agnew and Sons Ltd, 43 Old Bond Street, London W1 (629 8176) on Mon until Feb 22, Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Thurs 9.30am-7pm.

"Mixed Show" opens at Blond Fine Art, 22 Princes Street, London W1 (437 1230) on Wed until Feb 16, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-7pm.

Red Grooms: Recent Work opens at Marlborough Fine Art Ltd, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (629 5181) on Fri until March 1, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm.

Blond's first exhibition, Mixed Show, is a selection of work by nine gallery artists, including old retainers such as Max Blond and Jack McFadyen who send up society in their holdy-executed work, and newly signed-up artists such as Neil Jeffries, who makes gentle genre scenes out of painted metal relief work.

From Friday, Americans, and New Yorkers in particular, will be surprised to discover a sizeable slice of home from home at Marlborough Fine Art:

Photography

THE VIEW FROM ABOVE National Museum of Photography, Prince's View, Bradford, West Yorkshire (0274 727 488). Until Feb 14, Tues-Sat noon-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm.

This exhibition, first shown at the Photographers' Gallery in London a year ago, concentrates on 125 years of aerial photography, from Nadar's view of Paris taken from a balloon in 1858 to modern views of the earth from space. Much is concerned with the transition from wartime surveys to the Nazca lines in the Peruvian desert. Also on show until March 20, Beyond Vision: 150 photographs of especially transient events selected for their particular scientific, historic and aesthetic interest. Myribride features with his views of movement, but there is also the first picture of lightning (1866), and early radiographs of the human brain (1927).

PAUL TANQUERAY Plymouth Arts Centre, 38 Looe Street, Plymouth (0752 550060). Until Feb 3, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm.

Elegant, stylized portraits of film stars and personalities, including Cecil DeWolfe and Gertrude Lawrence, by Paul Tanqueray, which caught their particular innocence of the 1930s, and make this a sumptuous and nostalgic show. Forty of Tanqueray's prints can also be seen at the Print Room of the Photographers' Gallery, Great Newport Street, London W1 (240 1869) until March 1.

THE VALLEY PROJECT The Photographers' Art Centre, Street, Cardiff (0222 41567). Until Feb 23, Tues-Fri 10.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-5pm.

Year one of a three-year photographic survey of valleys in South Wales by John Davies, Ron McCormick and Paul Rees.

HENRY CUTHBERT Manchester Libraries Archive, Cornhill House, Cornhill Street, Manchester (061 228 6171). Until Fri, Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri 10am-5pm.

Street scenes, celebrations and day-to-day life in the Urmsston district of Manchester, recorded by Henry Cuthbert, a butcher and keen amateur photographer.

Michael Young

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Theatrical: Picasso, star of a travelling show

ALAN DAVIES: Strong, cryptic drawings and oils from the 1960s by the Scottish painter. Gimpel Fils, 30 Davies Street, London W1 (493 2488). Opens Tues, until Feb 23, Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

BRITISH ART SHOW: Arts Council's summary of contemporary art over the last five years has arrived in the North. Royal Scottish Academy, The Mount, Edinburgh (031 225 5545). Opens today, until Feb 24, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Thurs 10am-8pm, Sun 2-5pm.

A.R. PENCK: Small show of distinctive, totemic images first seen at the Tate, and now

supplemented by four new paintings on the miners' strike. Arncliffe, Narrow Quay, Bristol BS1 (0272 289191). Opens today, until Feb 24, Tues-Sat 11am-6pm, Sun 2-7pm.

PICASSO AND THE THEATRE: NOLAN AND THE OPERA: Travelling exhibition originally shown in Brighton celebrating Picasso's involvement with the theatre as designer and performer. Also, a show of original designs for the "Rite of Spring" and "Samson and Delilah" by the Australian artist Sidney Nolan.

Folkstone Arts Centre, The Metroplex, The Lads, Folkstone, Kent (0303 55070). Opens today, until Feb 17, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2.30-5pm.

FILMS

No safe breaks for the bungling burglars

Peter Waymark follows the clues and unravels the mystery of Monicelli in a rackety robbery

"Mr Monicelli, this is your neighbour," says the old woman on the phone. "Those who have threatened to expose the would-be safe burglars in Louis Malle's latest look at American low life, *Crackers*. But who is Mr Monicelli, never seen and otherwise not mentioned?"

Curious that the cinema finds such difficulty in thinking up subjects. Not only does it continually plunder well-known books and plays but it also does a fair trade in cannibalizing its own products. Except that it calls them re-makes. With *Crackers*, Malle gets in on the act.

The plot is masterminded, if that is the word for an operation distinguished by its colossal incompetence, by an out-of-work security guard, played in what looks like a generous wig, by Donald Sutherland. He gathers round him the little band of misfits: a pimp and a Mexican and a nun, and a man called Turtle who is forever munching scraps. Those who saw Malle's *My Dinner with Andre* will recognize Turtle as Wallace Shawn.

Let us sketch the background and see if alert moviegoers in the class spit the original. In a seedy backstreet in San Francisco, a place of whores and peeling paint, grumpy old Garvey runs a pawn shop. His customers get led up with his meanness and ill temper and when he goes off to see his mum on her nineteenth birthday, they plan to break in and crack his safe.

Garvey is played by Jack Warden, one of those splendid American character actors who can light up the dimmest film and enrich the best. He first came to notice as a juror in *Twelve Angry Men* in 1957 and has been delighting us ever since in pictures like *Dominoes*, *Red* and *All the President's Men* and *Shogun*. *Crackers* gives him the opportunity for one of his finest performances.

Otherwise Malle has eschewed familiar names, though it would be surprising if he had not heard of an engaging black actor, Larry Riley, who spends most of the film trying to cope with the baby he is left holding when his girl friend walks out on him. *Crackers*, it will be clear by now, refers not only to cracking the safe but the mental state of those trying to do it.

Malle's first attempt to get under the American skin was *Pretty Baby*, the story of a 12-year-old girl growing up in a New Orleans brothel, which caused a minor scandal (the director insisted it was a comedy). The other was the acclaimed *Atlantic City*, with Burt Lancaster. *Crackers*, though lighter in tone, continues a Frenchman's exploration of a foreign land.



Master mind: Donald Sutherland as leader of the incompetent team from the seedy backstreets

The first two were screen originals but *Crackers* was "suggested by" a 1958 Italian film, *I Soliti Ignoti*, a title that has been translated as both *Persons Unknown* and *Big Deal on Madonna Street*. It was set in Rome, not San Francisco, but otherwise *Crackers* follows it fairly closely, the similarities and differences may be gauged by those who saw *I Soliti Ignoti* during the recent Italian season on BBC2.

And Malle's little joke with the cat owner? The director of *I Soliti Ignoti* was Mario Monicelli. *Crackers* (18) opens in London on Fri at the Odeon Kensington (0602 8544); Classic Chelsea (332 5096); and Classic Tottenham Court Road (636 6148).

In Preview

THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR
Rik Mayall, best known as a member of the television comedy team *The Young Ones*, makes his National Theatre debut in the leading role of Nikolai Gogol's comedy of mistaken identity. Mayall plays Khlestakov, a young clerk who arrives in a small Russian town and is taken for an important official. Richard Eyre directs Adrian Mitchell's new version of the play. Oliver (828 2252). Previews Fri, Jan 26, 28-30 at 7.15pm, press night Jan 31 at 7pm, in repertory.

Openings

DOOMSDAY, THE NATIVITY, THE PASSION: The National Theatre's repertoire of English medieval mystery plays, taking the story from the Resurrection to the Last Judgement. Bill Bryden directs promenade productions using texts by Tony Harrison and the company, derived mostly from the York and Wakefield cycles with elements from Chester and Coventry. Cottesloe (828 2252). Domesday press night at 8pm today; Thurs at 2.30 and 7.30pm. *The Nativity* press show at 11am today; Mon-Fri 7.30pm. *The Passion* press show at 3.30pm today; Tues at 7.30pm, in repertory.

ANDROMACHE: Cheek by Jowl Company's third and final production in its short London season: the first English language production of Racine's play, which is set in the aftermath of a war, with political intrigue flourishing. Declan Donnell directs. Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, London WC2E (836 3028). Opens Mon at 7.30pm, until Jan 26. Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinee Sat at 3pm.

THE POWER OF THE DOG: Howard Barker's latest play, set on the Eastern Front in the Second World War, has been seen at Scotland, Warwick and Birmingham on its way to London, in joint Stock's premiere production. Cast includes Sean Baker, Amanda Brown, Stephanie Fayerman, directed by Kenny Ireland. Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, London NW3 (722 5301). Previews Tues and Wed at 8pm, opens Thurs at 7pm, until Feb 16. Mon-Sat at 8pm; matinee Sat at 4.30pm.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD: Haymarket (830 8832). Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinee Wed at 2.30pm. Sat at 3pm. Maggie Smith at her scintillating



Closing around: Jane Booker and Richard O'Callaghan in *The Comedy of Errors* (see below)

Selected

ON YOUR TOES
Palace (437 6834). Mon-Sat at 7.45pm; matinee Thurs and Sat at 2.30pm.

GALINA PANOVA (with Doreen Wells taking over on Wed evenings and Sat matinees) has the lead in this appealing revival of the 1936 Rodgers and Hart musical. Staged by the co-writer and original director, George Abbot, aged 96.

TWO INTO ONE
Shakespeare (379 5399). Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5.30 and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3pm. Donald Sinden and Michael Williams, both on their best form, in Ray Cooney's not too far from the truth of the 1936 Rodgers and Hart musical. Staged by the co-writer and original director, George Abbot, aged 96.

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best heads a starchy cast (with John Moffat and John Pegg) especially delightful in William Gaskin's beautifully staged, though rather bland, production of Congreve's masterpiece.

WEST SIDE STORY
Her Majesty's (830 6506). Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 4.45 and 8pm; matinee Wed at 2.30pm. Bernstein's classic 1958 musical: scrupulously and energetically revived with Jerome Robbins's original choreography.

WILD HONEY
Lytham (828 2252). Today at 2.30pm and 7.45pm, Mon-Wed at 7.45pm, Thurs at 2.30pm and 7.45pm. In repertory. Last staged as *Platonov*, Chekhov's delicate and quirky early comedy emerges as a loveable little masterpiece in its own right, thanks to Michael Fearn's imaginative translation and Christopher Mangan's production with the volatile Ian McKellen at its centre.

Out of Town

CROYDON: Ashcroft Theatre, Fairfield Halls (888 9291). The *Constant Wife* by W. Somerset Maugham. Opens Wed at 7.45pm, until Feb 2, Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5 and 8.15pm; matinee Jan 30 at 2.30pm. Val May directs Wendy Craig, William Franks, William Lucas and Jean Kent in a "modern comedy with a 1920s setting, a woman whose friends try to protect her from the truth not only knows of her husband's infidelity but conspires it."

GLASGOW: Citizens', Gorbals (041 429 0022). Mary Stuart by Friedrich Schiller, translated by Stephen Spender. Until Feb 2, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm. A new production, directed by Philip Prowse.

GUILDFORD: Yvonne Arnaud, Millbrook (043 60181). The *Lonely Road* by Arthur Schnitzler, in an English version by Ronald

The serious side of a fall guy

Christopher Warman talks to the man who has taught a host of stars how to take a painless tumble

In *The Comedy of Errors*, which returns to the Royal Shakespeare Company's repertoire at the Barbican on Wednesday, "you have the impression of watching a stageful of master clowns rather than comic actors". That at least is the verdict of *The Times* theatre critic.

The play was very successful when it was presented at the Barbican last year and its reappearance to help bring the RSC's season to a end is without doubt by "popular request". The cast are also pleased, for the exuberance they showed on stage demonstrated a genuine delight in the performances, and they were sad when their first run ended.

The circus-dress production of this tale of mistaken identity, with characters wearing the oversized clowns' boots, striped tights and baggy trousers, is lively enough. What odds further sparkle is the physical clowning around, produced apparently effortlessly, which includes all manner of circus falls and frenzied chases reminiscent of the Keystone Cops.

For trained classical actors and actresses this is a considerable achievement, and to this production a great deal of the credit must go to Ben Benson, movement director. He is also responsible for the movement in the RSC's current *Hamlet*, advised on the film *Alien*, and practised what he preaches in a television series *The Up and Down Man*. In *The Comedy of Errors* he has taught serious Shakespearean actors how to juggle, tumble and walk into walls with ease and without hurting themselves.

"In rehearsal the actors, the director and I all muck in, and we find out what can be done. It is one thing to tumble, but you have got to have deftness. It must not look hard work. Look at Chaplin and Keaton. They were deft," he says. To help the cast, and reduce the risk of injury to a minimum, they have an hour's movement exercise before rehearsal. "I do not try to stretch the actors physically to see how much they can do. I just feed them enough information to enable them to become more skilful."

First of the skills is the "prat" fall. That is when you trip over something, even your own feet. The derivation is in some doubt, but Benson suggests that it comes from the onlooker who sees someone fall over clumsily and says, "what a fool, what a prat". It still takes skill to fall clumsily with ease - and not hurt yourself.

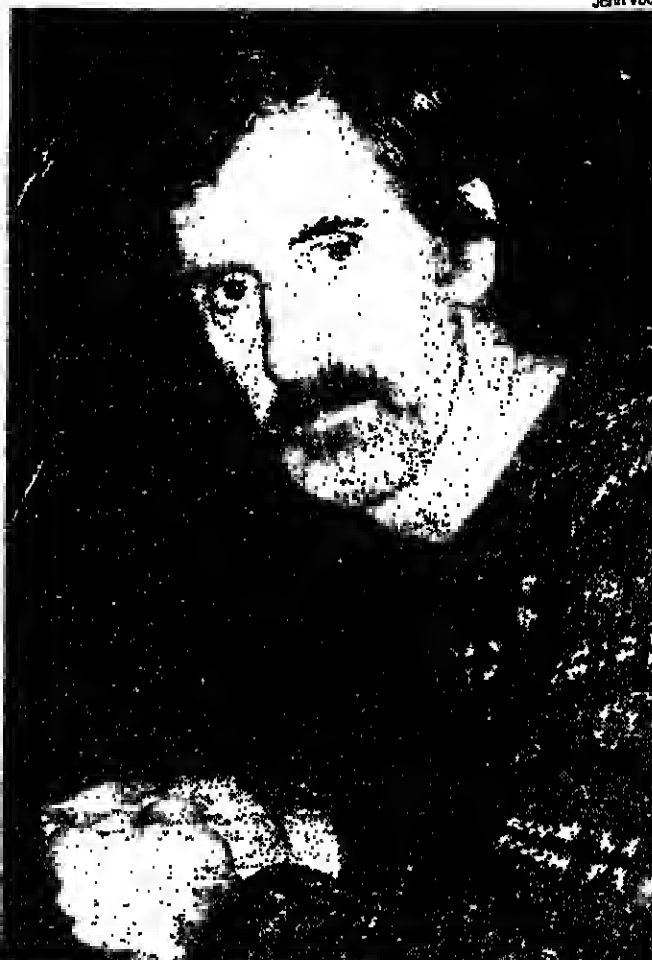
One of the set pieces is the chase, known in the trade as "angels and scaram". The image of the silent films remains strong, as the sudden victim of the chase realizes he is being pursued, jumps on the spot, arms aloft, before returning to earth and rushing off.

A lot of the "spontaneous" action has to be worked out carefully beforehand, such as the scenes at the top of a tall ladder (the weight has to be staged so that it does not topple over) and when Paul Greenwood, playing Apollonius of Syracuse, hangs by his legs from a window.

"During rehearsals we built a scaffold so that he could learn to hang out, first gently and then speeding up. In the heat of the moment when the actor's concentration is on the text, it is vital the physical work is measured and safe without him having to think about it", Benson explains. Without trying to tempt fate, it can be reported that they have not had an injury yet.

Christopher Warman
The Comedy of Errors opens at the Barbican (628 8795) on Wed at 7.30pm. In repertory.

Master move: Ben Benson, looking for deftness



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Openings

CEVERLY HILLS COP (18): Eddie Murphy, the black comedy star of *48 Hours* and *Trading Places*, as a Detroit cop running amok through the Beverly Hills in search of his best friend's killers. Directed by Martin Brest; with Judge Reinhold and Lisa Eilbacher. From Fri at the Empire Leicester Square (437 1234).

VIGIL (15): New Zealand films can be as thrilling as cold tea but this directorial debut of 27-year-old Vincent Ward offers plenty of visual kicks. It is the story of a young girl coming slowly to grips with her life and feelings on an isolated farm; with Fiona Kay, Penelope Stewart and Bill Kerr. From Fri at the ICA Cinema (930 6493).



Desperate dick: Eddie Murphy in Beverly Hills Cop

Selected

AMADEUS (PG)
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (836 6961). ABC Fulham Road (370 2636). Peter Shaffer's celebrated play about the rivalry between Mozart and Salieri is re-worked by the author and director Miles Forman into a lavish screen spectacular with striking performances and brilliantly juggled operatic excerpts.

FINDERS KEEPERS (16)
Plaza Piccadilly Circus (437 1234). Until Wed. Friendly, frenzied comedy about bambocizers and failures chasing each other's tails over a coffin full of stolen money. Richard Lester directs with a manic grin; with Michael O'Keefe, Beverly O'Angelo and David Wayne.

A PRIVATE FUNCTION (15)
Odeon Haymarket (830 2738). The notorious, rude post-war tale of a Yorkshire chimpologist, a wife with social pretensions, and a pig with no social sense at all.

THE KILLING FIELDS (15)
Warner West End (439 6791). Britain's lavish entry into the blockbuster war-movie arena, produced by David Puttnam, directed by television veteran Roland Joffe. Sam Waterston stars as the American journalist covering the Cambodian war helped by a local man (Haing Ngor); fairly impressive in spots.

MINERS' BENEFIT
Tonight, The Academy, 211 Stockwell Road, London SW9 (274 1525). This concert features three promising young groups: Roddy Frame's Aztec Camera, Edwyn Collins's Orange Juice, and Everything But The Girl. The winsome creation of Tracey Thorn and Ben Watt.

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Mon to Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (439 1747). Among the more adaptable constituents of jazz's current

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ROCK & JAZZ
SHALAMAR
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OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE
Covent Garden, London WC2 (240 1066/1011). Not the liveliest of weeks for opera at the Garden: two last performances of the rather patchy revival of Die Zauberflöte tonight and on Mon at 7pm, followed by Götterdaemmerung's *Die Walküre* and Angela Maria Briel's *Pamina*.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (836 3161). Jonathan Miller's matinee *Rigoletto*, dubbed, with reason, "the best musical in town" continues its run tonight and on Thurs (7.30pm) with John Rensley in the title role and Valerie Maesterson as Gilda. John Maesterson, in between, on Tues and Fri (7.30pm) comes two more performances of *Tosca*, conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras: Phyllis Carran, Charles Craig and Neil Howlett do their best in what has turned out to be a somewhat scrambled revival. Looking ahead, Jan 26 (8pm) sees the first night of ENO's new production of *Tristan and Isolde* by Friedrich Schlegel. Reginald Goodall is set to conduct, with Johanna Meier and Alberto Remedios.

OPERA FACTORY
Warwick University Arts Centre (0203 417417). For once, Opera Factory's new definitive production of Harrison Birtwistle's *Punch and Judy* will not play to London audiences, but will tour Coventry, Manchester, Bracknell and Bristol in the next two weeks. On Wed and Thurs at 7.30pm David Freeman's savagely beautiful playground production of this disturbing work visits Warwick University with the excellent cast led by Omar Elrahim and Hilary Western.

SCOTTISH OPERA
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041-331 1234). The generally well-received new 1920s-style production by John Cox of Strauss's *Capriccio* is playing tonight, Tues and Thurs at 7.15pm, sung in English and conducted by Norman Del Mar. The complementary work in repertoire at the moment is David Pountney's lively production of Smetana's *The Bartered Bride*, with John Treleven and Marie Storch, conducted by Stephen Barlow. Performances on Wed at 7.15pm and Jan 26 at 2.15pm.

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THE ARTS

Radio
Hard act to follow

In its sphere the departure of Terry Wogan from Radio 2 at breakfast time must be rather as if Mrs Thatcher were suddenly to vacate the Tory leadership. Oh what an act to follow. Yet when I switched on last Monday for a quick earful of the appointed successor, I thought for one incredulous moment that the cunning Celt had conned us: the voice of Wogan, like a Nordic god, spoke to the nation still.

But it was, as I say, the impression only for a moment, for the resemblance of Ken Bruce to Terry Wogan ends with the voice. One week into his act and perhaps not surprisingly, the Scotsman still sounds distinctly tentative, in search of style and assurance, like a man not certain whom he's talking to. It shows up particularly in the small self-mocking jokes. Broadly speaking there are two sorts of people who make jokes against themselves: those who are quite sure everybody loves them and can afford to question it, and those who aren't entirely sure and can't. In what are very early days, Mr Bruce strikes me as still of the latter party.

Curiously another Scottish import omitted rather than signals, Jimmy Reid Meets Edward Heath (Radio 4, January 13, producer, Michael Shaw) gave us the man who was once the Arthur Scargill of Clydeside and is now one of the despised race of journalists in an interview with the man who every good trade unionist loved to hate back in the early 70s.

The result was not quite a conversation - Mr Reid sounded like his Radio 2 counterpart, tentative, if less so, and his questions and observations met with almost unflinching agreement. So the two men ranged over such topics as the sullied image of the Conservative Party, the follies of putting too much faith in the money supply and non-intervention, to the problems of an inexperienced Opposition in providing any real challenge to a government.

The effect was oddly artificial, as if previously rehearsed or even scripted, although I must confess that this for me was very much enhanced by hearing the programme in a stereo recording giving almost total separation of the voices which thus tossed the topics

David Wade

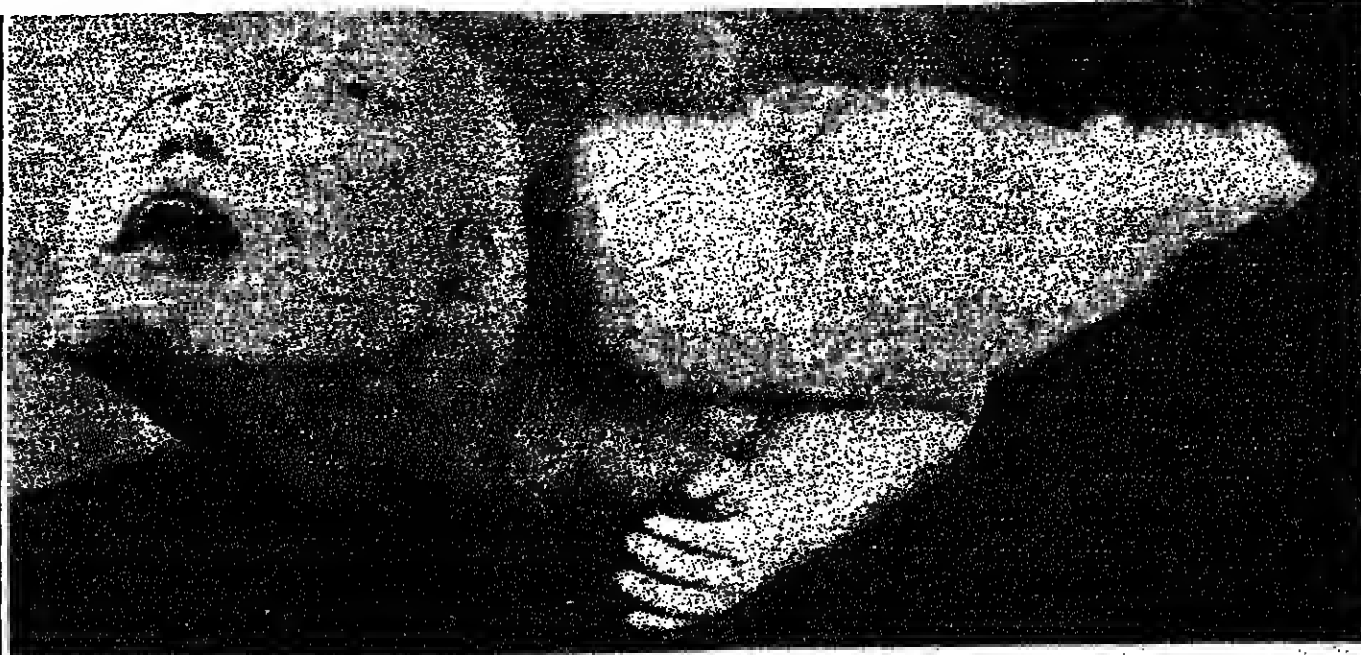
back and forth between them like a ball. Moreover, Mr Reid came from the left-hand speaker, Mr Heath from the right - and you may say, how apt. But the sense of what they said placed both men firmly in the centre.

I missed Not in My Back Yard (Radio 4, January 13, producer, Deborah Cohen) on its first hearing in early 1984 and since then it has won a prize for its "contribution to the understanding of nuclear energy". If I had prizes to give, I would hand it one too, for it was one of the most measured and informative programmes of its kind I can remember, the more praiseworthy in that its subject was one of the most tendentious and obscured by emotion and prejudice: the disposal of nuclear waste.

Joe Cann, Professor of Geology at Newcastle University, was the presenter and he and his producer first took the trouble to define "nuclear waste". It falls into three groups: high, medium and low level and the last may hardly qualify to be called nuclear at all, consisting as it does of refuse like old protective clothing. Yet the same general label attaches to it as to the long-lasting and lethal activities of high level waste. We then heard what is understood about long-term storage and a lot is understood: it sounds like the sort of problem which technically speaking can and will be solved.

So what is the difficulty? Part of it seems to lie with the extremists of both sides, those who (a) think there's no real problem or (b) are religiously convinced there's no solution. Both were here characterized rightly. I'm sure - as unnameable to any influence, that leaves the middle ground, you and me, the plebs whose instinct is to mistrust anything to which the word nuclear can be applied, from families to bombs. We were characterised, again spot on, in my opinion, as possessing plenty of fear but almost no interest in learning any facts, even if they might assuage it. Can it be that we prefer the thrill of fearing to the boredom of not having them? Whatever the reasons for our state of mind, if you were the UK Atomic Energy Authority, what would you do with people like us?

David Wade

The no-neck monster: Ana Maria Pacheco's figure for *The Banquet*

Galleries

Facts, figures and a whole lot of art to wade through

Contemporary Art Fair Olympia

If you are easily scared by facts and figures, you would do best to avoid all the statistics thrown at you by the organizers of this year's Contemporary Art Fair, which has happily moved from the Barbican to the altogether more agreeable surroundings of Olympia for its second four-day stint (until tomorrow). Otherwise you will learn that there are 120 galleries from 22 countries selling (or hoping to sell) work by more than a thousand artists - not to mention a variety of art and magazine publishers, unattached artists and interested non-commercial parties like the Contemporary Art Society and the ICA.

Even if you just plunge in, it represents, whichever way you look at it, a whole lot of art. The organization seems to be a bit more in hand than last time, as one would hope, though that apparently brought in its train quite a lot of complaints from disgruntled gallery-owners who

find that, for instance, they cannot do much as dust their own stalls without strike action threatened, and have to pay through the nose for the privilege of putting up their own lights (something desirable to do, nevertheless, since at the press preview a group of stands were in semi-darkness because of a last-minute electricity strike). Certainly this is no way to compete with, say, the Basel art fair, which it is said, costs no more to take part in and does offer stunning Swiss efficiency for the money.

Those complaints sound reasonable. I am not so sure about the widely-bruited complaint that there should be more quality-control. In a way the most interesting thing about an art fair is the wide variety of styles and qualities on display, and the fact that decisions - to participate, to let in - are taken on thoroughly commercial principles. It would be impossible to get all round the fair without some kind of mental indigestion, and anyone who goes is bound to find some of the work on show - possibly a great deal quite a lot of complaints from disgruntled gallery-owners who

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I, for example, liked Ana Maria Pacheco's strange drawings and sculpture of no-neck monsters, mostly in this case related to her large sculpture, presented by the Retigraphic Society. *The Banquet*, I found the chance offered to check out what is happening in recent Austrian art fascinating: it turns out to involve a milder and sometimes more humorous version of West German Neo-Expressionism. There is some evidence that the French are not yet taking the London art fair very seriously - surely they must have something better to offer than this selection of flash erotica, faded surrealism and sick imitation of currently approved painters like Chia? At least one or two Italian galleries, like the Galleria Carini from Arezzo, give us a chance to get further acquainted with the much-discussed *pittura colta*, and interestingly show the sculpture of Stephen Cox, with its exquisite evocation of shattered antiquity, hard by paintings from the spiritual

step-children of late de Chirico, thereby making a useful point.

From a ragbag of other impressions I would recommend checking out the odd and highly individual watercolours of Michael Cullimore, an artist seemingly best known in Wales and shown here by Austin Desmond, glass of Tessa Clegg, who is reviving *à la verre* to great effect, and Rachel Woodman, who is doing wonders with intricately ground and fused but finally very simple-seeming pieces, on the Cole ridge stand; and the early twentieth-century Dutch and other paintings and drawings with Wending - I particularly fancied a wonderfully formalized group of *Ducks* by Vilmos Huszar, s. 1918. Glimpsed elsewhere with pleasure were the quaint and quirky paintings of the latter-day surrealist Gustavo Foppiani (shown by Philippe Guilmet of Brussels), some good Hockneys, early and late (all over everywhere), and a wall of vintage Wolmarks shown by James Kirkman. But that is only ruffling the surface: if you go, be prepared to spend half a day there.

John Russell Taylor

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Peter Ackroyd

Concerts

Truly inauthentic

AAM/Hogwood
Queen Elizabeth Hall

During this tercentenary year I look forward to hearing some riotously inauthentic Bach concertos, filled with arrangements perpetrated by composers from Mozart to Maxwell Davies.

Thursday night's programme from the Academy of Ancient Music was no altogether nice occasion. Not that it lacked, of course, the true inauthentic style: Christopher Hogwood's old claim that his orchestra seeks to provide "an authentic experience of music as it would have sounded at the time it was written", is by now no more than further evidence of his mischievousness. Two decades into the early music revival we are all even those of us who attend the Academy's concerts, sufficiently acute to spot the flaws in that one.

Had we by some chance not been, then naturally the performances would have put us right. Take the rather jolly account of the Suite No 3 at the end. The programme note made all the right turning noises about "the infamous arrangement that bestowed the title of 'Air on the G string'" to the second movement, but Mr Hogwood's slightly staggered ensemble brought us Mantovani to the life, even with the diminished vibrato this orchestra affects. Earlier in the evening, particularly in the double violin concerto, I had been worried by the hazy beats that had softened Bach's rhythm unprofitably, but this air made it all worthwhile.

Songmakers' Almanac
Wigmore Hall

The singer not the song had the glory on Thursday night. Michael Vogl, the Austrian baritone and Schubert's first great songmaker, was the subject of one of the Almanac's most fascinating programmes. More here, perhaps, for the snatcher of unconscious trifles than for the Schubertian connoisseur, but Gabriel Woolf's narration of Graham Johnson's divertissement made even the odd longuette pass pleasantly enough.

It was worth, for instance, sitting through an extract from Schubert's opera *The Two Brothers* and the vicissitudes of Schubert's and Vogl's early operatic careers to reach 1823 and the start of their work together in *Lieder*. Stephen Varcoe showed how Vogl's vanity and eighteenth-century taste could embelish, "Der Fischer" and how Schubert, at the end of the first line of "Erlkönig" gave him an extra bar for breath, and forged a dramatic masterstroke out of necessity.

Hilary Finch

Another special pleasure came from Clare Shanks's performance on the baroque oboe in two cantatas, the deathward longing "Ich habe genug" and the bright wedding carol "Weichet nur, betrübte Schatten".

The baroque oboe has much in common with the saw: it works as a musical instrument, but one feels it must have been intended for other things. It is as Miss Shanks simply showed a recalcitrant beast, apt to squeak out a wrong note or an imperfect tuning with no warning, so providing a sort of aleatory counterpoint to the correct line one has running through one's head - and run it will when repeat signs are so very frequently respected.

Miss Shanks even added a further layer of interest in the opening movement of the first cantata, by heading away from the orchestra, in the first of a series of three cantatas, she did not keep this up, but still her contributions were deliciously irritating. The vocal performances were not so imaginatively bold. David Thomas surprised one by the plainness with which he announced "I look forward to my death" in his last aria, but this was only one moment of irony in a square, phrased and uncoloured delivery that exposed Bach's symmetry, rather than intervening within it. Emma Kirkby sang the nuptial piece, with her usual chirrupy tone and engaging, smiling style, almost persuading one for a moment that it might be possible to hear Bach as something fresh.

Paul Griffiths

Vogl's love of Sir Walter Scott and the Classics worked its way into Schubert's sensibility too. There was the "Song of the Imprisoned Huntsman" and "Ave Maria", both perfect for Mr Varcoe's light, high baritone; and there was the rarer *Anziano und Oedip*, Mayrhofer's little dramatic scene, powerfully declaimed by Marilyn Dale and Varcoe.

This was the portion for the grand houses on Vogl's and Schubert's grand tour of 1825. But on Vogl's return from his own pilgrim-like Italian journey, there were the first real public concerts, to which songs like "The Crusader", a lugubrious narrative of uncertain origin, took its place among chamber and choral works. "The Fisherman's Song", nicely sung by Varcoe, though rather overworked, by Johnson, came as something of a relief.

Hilary Finch

Television
A search for reality in the Pacific Basin

Certainly the industrial success of Japan, South Korea and Singapore, suggests that the financial centre of the world might slowly be shifting from the West. Even the islands of the South Pacific, once known only as the home for imperialist adventure stories, are now "developing nations", and it may be that, within a few

generations, they will be setting their own adventures on the beautiful but barren island of Britain. But "progress", even of this kind, may not be altogether desirable: there was something rather horrifying in the spectacle of a Japanese corporation, employed in Indonesia, reciting the company creed and singing the

company song at eight o'clock in the morning. (There are, after all, advantages in being an old and - so it is assumed - decaying power.)

Last night's episode (the first of the series) concentrated to a large extent upon the South Pacific islands, and the closer one got to the reality the more dubious the larger geo-political

generalizations seemed. The island governments talked about the "Pacific way", but at this point in their history it seems that the "major powers" are determined to get their own way also. Tahiti is still a French colony, much to the disgust of the local inhabitants, underground nuclear tests are being conducted.

As a result it was difficult exactly to appreciate the reality which this programme was trying to describe: it travelled in so many different directions, and examined so many various phenomena, that the broad scope implied by the series' title was on occasions lost from sight. One got the vague idea that the Japanese were behind everything, setting up factories in Indonesia while at the same time even invading Australia. It was all rather depressing.

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Divisional Court

Intoximeter documents policy

Regina v Skegness Magistrates Court. Ex parte Cardy. Regina v Manchester Crown Court. Ex parte Williams. Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice Gidewell. (Judgment delivered December 21)

The desirability of a more uniform practice of disclosure of documents relating to the Lion Intoximeter 3000 and the wider acceptance of the Metropolitan Police policy of voluntary disclosure of the Intoximeter log, service repair reports and memory roll to the defence must be matters for the police forces to consider.

However, defence solicitors had no right to discovery of such documents with a view to searching for material which might support a submission that the device was defective and must not mislead the witness summons procedure. They must rely on the prosecution to fulfill its duty to disclose material evidence which might be of assistance to the defence.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court stated in a reserved judgment granting two applications for certiorari to quash witness summons.

Mr Wayne Goodacre had been charged under section 6 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 and had issued a witness summons under section 97 (1) of the Magistrates Court Act 1980 requiring Chief Supt Hugh Cardy to attend the hearing and produce the Intoximeter log, service repair reports and memory roll for the relevant month.

Mr Denis Dicks had been convicted under section 6 (1) of the 1972 Act and was appealing to the crown court. He had obtained a consent order enabling examination of the relevant device and issued a witness summons under section 2 (1) of the Criminal Proceedings (Attendance of Witnesses) Act 1968 requiring Dr Williams, of Lion Laboratories, manufacturers of the Intoximeter 3000, to attend the appeal and produce, inter alia, circuit diagrams and full technical specifications of the Intoximeter and details of all instrument breakdowns prior to the date of the alleged offence.

Chief Supt Cardy and Dr Williams applied to the Divisional Court for orders of certiorari to quash the witness summons. Both cases were heard together.

Mr H. Bogie-Rolle for Dr Williams; Mr J. Gidewell for Chief Supt Cardy; Mr S. C. Meddowcroft for the Greater Manchester prosecutor; Mr A. K. Lewis, QC and Mr C. Limb for Mr Dicks; Mr S. N. McKinnon, QC and Mr A. N. Beaven for Mr Goodacre.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF said that it was open to Mr Dicks and Mr Goodacre to rely on the presumption that the Lion Intoximeters were in order when used by calling evidence challenging their reliability at the relevant time. That was the ground on which they claimed entitlement to issue the witness summons.

In both magistrates' court and crown court, the court had to be satisfied that the person summoned was likely to be able to give material evidence at the relevant hearing.

It was important to bear in mind that, as emphasized by Lord Gidewell in *Greenwich London Borough Council* (1977) 76 LGR 91 there was no discovery of documents in the summons procedure. The summons must not be issued as a disguised attempt to obtain discovery. (*Greenwich* case, *R v Sheffield Justices, Ex parte Ingley* (DC March 12, 1982), nor to summon a person to produce documents unlikely to be material evidence which were merely desired to be in court for the purpose of cross-examination (*R v Cheltenham Justices, Ex parte Secretary of State for Trade* (1977) 1 WLR 453). The same principles applied in the crown court.

In Mr Dicks's case it was impossible to say that any of the documents were likely to be material evidence as they were mostly technical documents relating to Lion Intoximeters generally and there was no basis on which the respondent was likely to be material evidence even though they related to the particular device.

Mr Goodacre's case was a pure fishing expedition: there was no reason to suppose any of the documents, though relating to the specific device, were likely to be material evidence.

Both cases were attempts to misuse the witness summons procedure to obtain discovery of documents in the hope that they would be material evidence at a trial so as to justify the issue of a witness summons to obtain their production. Requests to see such documents were really requests for disclosure and not appropriate subject matter for a witness summons.

A point relating to modifications

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Intoximeter documents policy

In the Lion Intoximeter 3000 was raised by affidavit in Mr Dicks's case. That was to lay the basis for arguments on appeal that the particular Intoximeter was not an approved device for the purpose of the statute.

There was no evidence that any of the modifications went to the device's essential functions or could reasonably be regarded as having the effect that any Lion Intoximeter 3000 now in use was not a device as approved by the secretary of state. Even if the issue had been raised it would have been no more than an attempt to misuse the witness summons procedure as a means of obtaining discovery.

His Lordship concluded that though it might be entirely proper in the circumstances of a particular case to challenge the reliability of the particular device on which the defendant's breath was tested at the relevant time, it was another matter to attempt to challenge the reliability of Lion Intoximeter 3000 devices generally.

The fact was that the Lion Intoximeter 3000 was and had been since April 19, 1983 an approved device for the purposes of the Act, and on as long as that state of affairs continued it was wholly immaterial to mount a challenge to the general reliability of those approved devices.

For these reasons an order of certiorari issued in each case to quash the witness summons.

Solicitors: Walters Fladgate for Phillips & Buck, Cardiff; Mr R. A. Williamson, Lincoln; Mr D. S. Condy, Manchester; J. S. Searcy, Cheltenham; Job & Tunnard, Boston.

Judge is not fettered by decision below

O'Brien v O'Brien

On an application for an injunction ousting a husband from the matrimonial home, the judge's discretion was not fettered by the decision of justices that it was not appropriate to extend a personal protection order which they had granted to the wife, she had to nip her mind on the evidence.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Griffiths, Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson and Sir George Waller) so stated on January 17, dismissing a husband's appeal against an order of injunction granted to his wife at Bowmington County Court (Judge McKinnon).

Computing chargeable gain

Mashiter (Inspector of Taxes) v Pearmain. Before Lord Justice Oliver, Lord Justice Purchas and Mr Justice Neill. (Judgment delivered December 21)

Chargeable gains accruing on the sale of development land that had been acquired by way of gift before April 6, 1965, were not to be computed according to the "straight line" growth provisions contained in paragraph 24 of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 1965. The special computation provisions in paragraph 23 of that Schedule relating to land that had acquired development value after April 6, 1965, applied.

The Court of Appeal so held in reversing the judgment of Mr Justice Peter Gibson (*The Times*, July 7, 1983) who had upheld a determination of Cambridgeshire general commissioners that had reduced an assessment to capital gains tax made on Mr Lionel Pearmain to £5,457. The court, in a reserved judgment allowing the Crown's appeal, increased the assessment to £11,360.

Paragraph 23 made provision for computing the chargeable gain on development land acquired before April 6, 1965, and disposed of after that date at a price in excess of its current value. The underlying land was to be deemed to have been disposed of by its owner on April 6, 1965, and immediately reacquired by him at its market value.

The relevant part of sub-paragraph (1), as amended, provided that the paragraph applied in relation to a disposal of an interest in land "if, but for this paragraph, the expenditure allowable as a deduction in computing under this Schedule the gain accruing on the disposal would include any expenditure incurred before April 6, 1965, and (b) if the consideration for the asset acquired on the disposal exceeds the current value of the asset as at the time of the disposal".

Mr Robert Cammash for the Crown; Mr John Tallon for Mr Pearmain.

LORD JUSTICE OLIVER said that the issue was whether the gain made by the taxpayer's wife on the sale of land fell to be computed by reference to paragraph 24 of Part II of Schedule 6 or to paragraph 23.

In 1950 the taxpayer's wife acquired the property by deed of gift. Its value at the time was £1,300. On April 6, 1965, when capital gains tax was introduced, the value was £2,500. In 1976 part of it was sold for £15,000. It was to the gain on that sale that the assessment under appeal related.

Section 22 (4) of the 1965 Act dealt with the acquisition of an asset by the way of gift: such an

acquisition was "for the purposes of this Part of this Act" to be deemed to have been made at the time when the asset was acquired for the purposes of the Act.

Part II of Schedule 6 contained special provisions relating to property already owned on April 6, 1965: for it was obvious that in relation to such assets if tax was charged on the whole gain made on a subsequent disposal then it would be levied in part on a gain that had accrued before the Act came into force.

The critical provision was paragraph 23. It was common ground that sub-paragraph (1) (b) was satisfied. It was the applicability of sub-paragraph (1) (a) that was in issue.

The Crown contended that when one considered what expenditure would have been allowable in computing the gain apart from the expenditure which could have been included in the consideration deemed to have been paid for the original acquisition, incurred before April 6, 1965.

The taxpayer contended that the words "expenditure incurred" in the sub-paragraph could only relate to an actual expenditure and that accordingly the property having been a gift, the paragraph did not apply.

The difference as regarded valuation was substantial: using the paragraph 24 (2) formula that would be applicable if the taxpayer's contention was right, the gain was £5,457. The alternative basis for which the Crown contended yielded a chargeable gain of £11,360.

The key provision was contained in paragraph 31 of Schedule 6. It provided "So far as the provisions of this Part of this Act require the computation of a gain by reference to events before April 6, 1965, all those provisions including paragraph 23 of this Schedule, and Schedules 7 and 8, and the provisions fixing the amount of the consideration deemed to be given on a disposal or acquisition, shall apply except so far as expressly excluded".

That paragraph was not an outstanding example of the draftsman's art: it was capable of two alternative senses.

However, on its true construction the effect of paragraph 31 was to import the deeming provisions of section 23 (4) into Part II of Schedule 6.

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Accordingly the appeal should be allowed.

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Letter admissible in construing will

In re Williams (otherwise Cook) (Deceased). Wiles and Another v Madgala and Others.

A letter written by a testatrix the day before she executed a home-made will and which was sent to her solicitors in the same envelope as the will, which was ambiguous in that it listed 25 names of individuals and organizations or purposes, in three separate groups but contained no provision for the share of any beneficiaries predeceasing her to be added to the residue, was held to be admissible under section 21 (1) (b) of the Administration of Justice Act 1982 to assist in construing the will.

Justice Nicholas held in the Chancery Division on December 10.

HIS LORDSHIP, having considered the letter, which started with a request for her solicitors to "organize the bequests of my will before the actual document is made out", concluded that it was of no assistance, and should be treated as a letter of instructions for the preparation of a new will.

Although the letter indicated that the testatrix had divided the residue into three categories and expressed the wish that "the first, for example, should receive, say, £2,000, the second £1,000 and the third £500", his Lordship said that the letter did not support either group equality or personal equality with regard to the gifts. Construing the will without the assistance of the letter his Lordship said that there being no other indication in the will the gift must be construed as one to all 25 beneficiaries equally.

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Votes clear way for growth at Gestetner

The clearest indication that the two-year rationalization programme at Gestetner is working came not from yesterday's preliminary figures but from the announcement of the enfranchisement of the non-voting shares. The antiquated share structure which has allowed the company to be controlled by the Gestetner family found little sympathy in the City.

The decision to introduce a more equitable system at this stage suggests that the company is confident that it can make its way in the world without the previous insulation it had against the market.

Some optimistic pointers about Gestetner's prospects are in the figures themselves. The problem is that Gestetner has been promising recovery for a long time and has not yet quite matched words with deeds.

However, pre-tax profits of £2.25 million were better than the City had expected and while the rationalization must still continue, Gestetner does now seem to have much tighter control of its fortunes.

The most encouraging performance came in the US, helped, of course, by the strength of the dollar. The £3.4 million losses incurred in North and South America last year were transformed into pre-tax profits of £3 million.

This more than compensated for the downturn in Britain caused by the cost of setting up an office automation division and a disastrous performance in France.

The group has also been able to make good progress on reducing its borrowings. These fell by £9.6 million to £45.6 million bringing gearing down to 37.5 per cent. Short-term borrowings have been substantially reduced in the process which will result in less harsh interest payments.

As a large portion of the positive cash flow was generated from property and asset sales, it would be unrealistic to assume a similar reduction in loans in the current year.

Gestetner is on course to build slowly on the base it has secured through rationalization. With the bulk of the costs now behind it and with the new share structure in place, the company might also be ripe to attract bid attention.

Yesterday's huge jump in the share price suggests there is a buyer in the wings. The non-voting shares rose 23p to 105p and both categories of voting

shares leapt 40p to 130p. The movement is excessive as a simple reaction to the results and the enfranchisement.

Pleasurama

Pleasurama's agreed offer of £119 million for Trident Television, twice the amount it offered in 1983 before the Monopolies Commission stepped in, provides it with the instant gaming muscle it needs in London to complement the chain of 17 provincial casinos.

The bid is opportunistic: it recognises that the falling pound will lure more high rollers to the tables. There are intriguing aspects.

Trident chief Lord Hanson, so often a buyer, has chosen to turn seller after just two days of negotiation. No one on the Trident board, which is unanimously recommending the terms, is invited to join the new set-up - not even the managing director, David Hudd.

Pleasurama's first bid was blocked by the Monopolies Commission, largely because Trident Metropolitan had held 29 per cent of Pleasurama and was itself a leading casino operator in the capital. After Grand Metropolitan sold its stake last year, a fresh approach from Pleasurama was always on the cards.

For much higher price, it will now gain four casinos in London to add to Maxim's and the 25 per cent stake it holds in the Ritz and Casanova. It should surely improve the takings from Trident's stable, the Connoisseur, Clermont, Victoria and Village Club.

Before it splashed out £63 million on Associated Leisure, Pleasurama's Casinos chipped in 90 per cent of group profits. This proportion has since declined to about 65 per cent, but the acquisition is expected to shift it back to 75.80 per cent.

The cash-generating business is seen as the fuel to allow Pleasurama to expand into other non-casino leisure interests: chairman Nai Solomon yesterday expressed an interest in the health and fitness area. Pleasurama will also inherit Trident's tidy cash mountain of £29.5 million, but will sell its 18.7 per cent of Tyne Tees Television and disengage itself from leasing out television studios and equipment. Its new commitment to the gaming scene destroys effectively arguments heard in some areas that the boom has peaked. This year could tell a different story.

COMPANY NEWS

- AIR FRANCE:** Last year's business showed a profit of £50 million (£48.2 million) which is 1.9 per cent of its turnover and six times higher than its 1983 profit. In addition, the company has set up a reserve of Fr 450 million (£41 million) for the replacement of part of its aircraft fleet starting in 1988.
- ATLANTIC ASSETS TRUST:** Results for six months to December 31, 1984. (Figures in £000). Franked income 936 (720). Pre-tax profit 841 (347) after interest and expenses 310 (564). Tax 346 (139). Available 460 (173). Earnings per share 0.38p (0.14p). Net assets per ordinary 124.60p (118.48p). 5.2 per cent increase. Shares unchanged at 96.
- GREENFRIAR INV CO:** Dividend 1.60p (1.35p) adj for capital for 1984. Investment income £366,876 (£379,911). Other income £10,140 (£19,249). Pre-tax profit £347,670 (£200,905) including interest on deposits £81,051 (£48,621) but after interest charged £143,762 (£175,179) and administrative expenses £76,635 (£71,771).
- ALFRED WALKER'S equity finance subsidiary Alfred Walker Investments** has acquired 670,000 shares in SEP Industrial Holdings (6.7 per cent) for £100,000 to be satisfied in cash, thus increasing Alfred Walker's total shareholding in SEP to 2.67 million shares (26.7 per cent).
- CAMBRIDGE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES:** Entered into conditional agreement to acquire the whole issued share capital of MTL microelectronic and MTL microtech semiconductor divisions for a consideration equivalent to £2.3 million. MTL owns 75 per cent of the issued share capital of Microtech.
- ASPINALL HOLDINGS chairman, Mr R N D Langdon,** looks forward in his annual statement to a growth in earnings after the move to new premises, and to developing the group further in the long term.
- BRIDPORT-GUNDRY:** The chairman, Mr R W. Holder says in his annual statement that the present year is in line with expectations with both turnover and profit satisfactorily ahead.
- BRITISH BLOODSTOCK AGENCY:** The chairman, Mr Robin Hasling, says in his trading statement that indications are of a satisfactory year.
- DAVID S SMITH:** Results for six months to October 30, 1984. Interim 1p (same), payable on March 15. (Figures in £000). Turnover 3,358 (2,454). Operating profit 191 (35). Exceptional costs 127. Investment income 35 (40). Pre-tax profit 226 (loss 52). Tax 102 (condon 65). Earnings per share 2.3p (-1). The interim dividend will also be paid on the new shares issued on the acquisition of Western Board Mills. Shares 140 up 6.
- WESTERN BOARD MILLS:** Results for six months to September 30, 1984. (Figures in £000). Turnover 1,914 (2,009). Pre-tax profit 836 (948). Tax 376 (443). Earnings per share 8.7p (9.5p). Profit takes into account profits on sale of investments and assets in foreign countries.
- GNOME PHOTOGRAPHIC:** Results for half year to November 30, 1984. (Figures in £000). Sales 1,013. Pre-tax profit 182 includes dividends and interest received 48. Tax 73.5. Net profit on sale of investments 12. Profit available to shareholders 127. Earnings per share 4.333p. Shares 73 up 2.
- SYMONDS ENGINEERING:** Results for half year to September 30, 1984. Interim 0.3p or 6 per cent (5.45 per cent). (Figures in £000).

Index races past the 1,000 points mark

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Shares surged past the 1,000 points mark yesterday as one of the most remarkable weeks the stock market has ever experienced ended with a triumphant flourish.

It was as if the market would itself past the magical 1,000 mark. By mid-afternoon the FT 30 share index was only 7.3 points higher and seemingly the eagerly awaited milestone was going to stay out of reach for a little longer.

Then in the last two hours of trading there were some often quite spectacular gains and the index closed at 1,044.4, a gain of 17.2 points on the day.

Trading was not heavy but BTR, with its unexpected bid for the stricken Dunlop Holdings, got the day off to a strong start. As the market contemplated just what the undoubted management talents of BTR are likely to bring from Dunlop, the BTR price surged 80p with the market short of stock. Later the shares eased a shade to 682p, up 65p.

But as BTR's strength faltered other stocks took up the running. British Telecom, up 33p, Distillers Co, P and O and Thoro EMI were among those to mark sharp advances in late trading.

The FT 30 index, started in 1935 with 100 as a base, has risen by almost 250 points since July last year. Its lowest ever point occurred during the early war years when it touched 49.4 points. Just 10 years ago the market was deep in the dumps as the future of capitalism was called into question and the banking and property crisis overwhelmed many companies and individuals. Then, just a few days ago after Burmah Oil had almost come to grief the stood at 146 points.

The market started this week with a 19-point plunge which, in cash terms, represented the

biggest ever one day fall with £4,520 million wiped off values. In just two trading days, as interest rates were jacked higher to bolster the ailing pound, 33.1 points were lost. But since then, as sterling has steadied, the FT 30 index has been in relentless form.

The more broadly based FT-SE share index was also in rampant form. It gained 17.5 points to its own, rather less exciting peak of 1,277.9 points.

Gilt, on interest rate hopes, achieved gains of up to 3%. Danlop, no longer an FT 30 index constituent, also displayed plenty of bounce following the BTR intervention. The shares gained 44p to 36p on hopes of a counter bid, possibly from Genera; Electric Co. The BTR bid values them at about 23p.

W. H. Smith 'A' jumped 28p to a record 208p following suggestions of stake-building before a takeover bid. Smith described bid rumours as "laughable" on Wednesday, but the shares have since added 32p, making a 46p rise on the week, up 29 per cent.

A spokesman for the company last night denied that the group had received an approach or was in talks which might lead to an offer. However, rumours persist that consortium led by Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron International is lurking, or that the new aggressive Arthur Guinness group is poised to swoop.

Word is that although the family hold a substantial stake in the business, one of three

leading holders shown in Smith's latest annual report may be tempted to sell.

Other stores shares got a lift from news that the Retail Price Index, actually fell by 0.1 per cent in December, instead of rising as many analysts had expected.

Debenhams rose 5p to 216p. Boots gained 4p to 190p. British Home Stores went 9p higher to 258p, and there were gains of several pence for Curry's Group, Dikons Group, Dunhill Holdings, Great Universal Stores, Home Charm, Marks & Spencer and John Menzies.

Menzies was also sharing in the takeover talk surrounding W. H. Smith, showing a rise of 12p to 243p. NBS Newsagent got a similar boost and the shares put on 10p to 110p.

Goring Kerr, the metal detecting equipment maker, jumped another 25p to 530p following its recent profits jump from £1,534,000 to £2,374,000. And TACE, the engineering group, shared in the limelight from Goring, rising 20p to 425p. TACE still owns over 60 per cent of Goring Kerr after last autumn's float off of the electronics company.

Renishaw, another electronics business, rose 18p to 376p as market men heard

market trend before putting

firm targets on the price.

RBS is also finding favour

after its £155 million purchase

of the merchant banking busi-

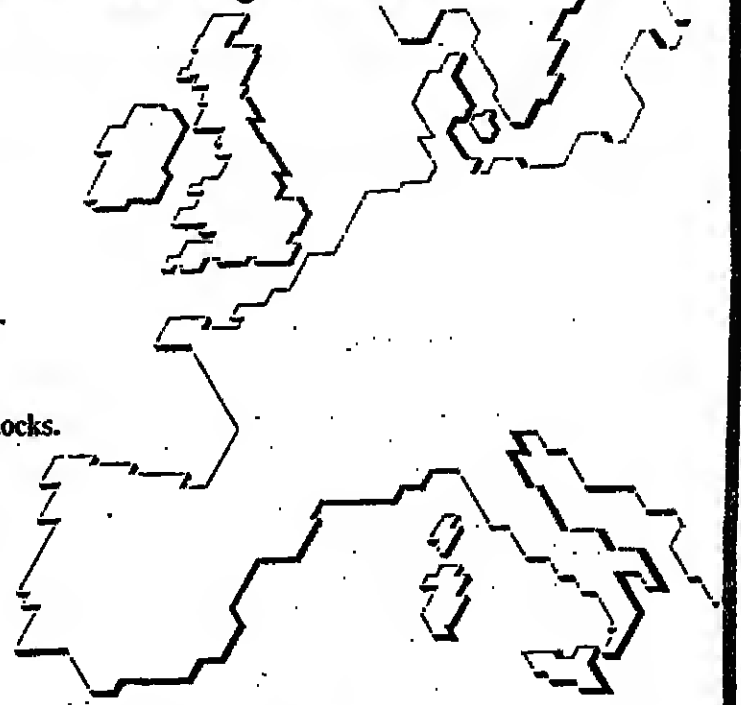
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EUROPE

The investment opportunity for 1985

The European Factfile

- NORWAY** Excellent opportunities among technology growth stocks.
- WEST GERMANY** Success of economic policies has taken the Germans by surprise.
- HOLLAND** Lower interest rates, lower inflation, mean opportunities for careful stock selection.
- FRANCE** Excellent prospects for retailers and consumer-orientated stocks.
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- ITALY** Retail sector looks strong against background of stabilising economic and political situation.
- SPAIN** 1984's top-performing market, but there are still opportunities for selective buying. Oil price cuts most helpful.



For 1985, there is a strong accord among the professional tipsters and fund managers that the safest gains are going to be made much nearer home - in Europe.

Daily Telegraph, 12 January 1985

Over 1984 the Madrid bull market notched up an index increase of +43%. In the performance league table published by Investors Chronicle, other European Markets also performed strongly over 1984.

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4 Norway	+28.1	10 USA +14.4
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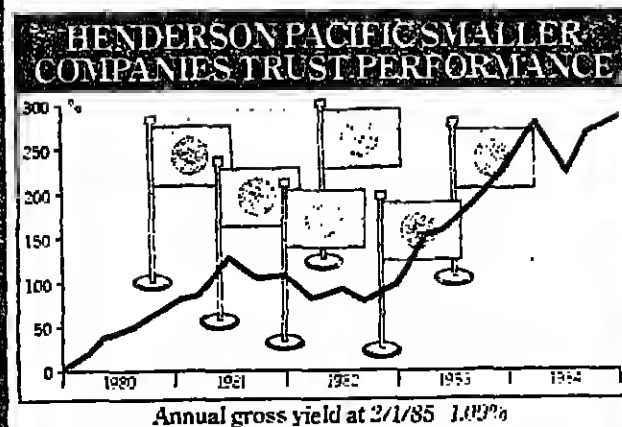
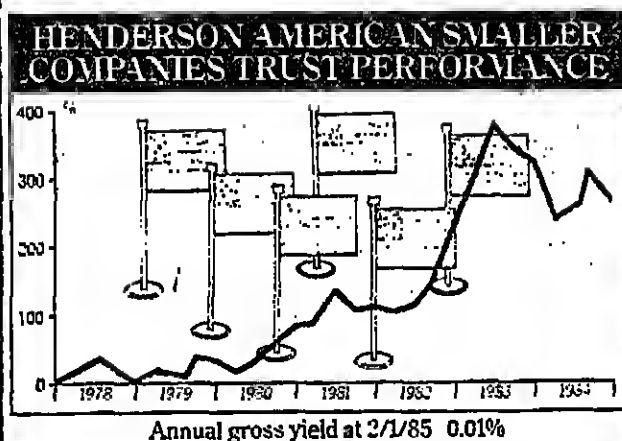
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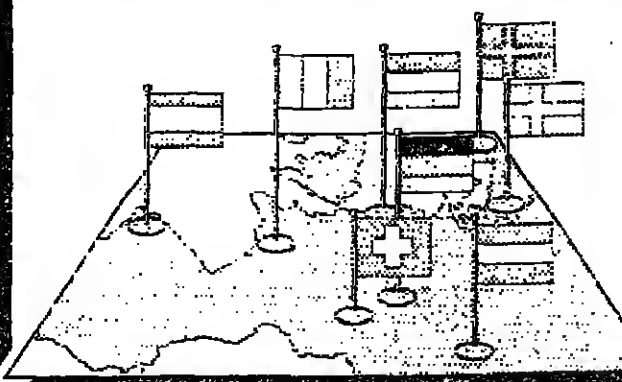
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A RISING INCOME

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Year	Original Investment of £2,000	Net Income Value at 31 December (£)
1972	—	2,488
1973	94.80	1,816
1974	96.00	960
1975	104.40	2,152
1976	132.00	2,096
1977	145.20	3,912
1978	214.80	4,336
1979	230.40	4,104
1980	286.68	4,464
1981	269.28	5,184
1982	299.04	5,952
1983	329.64	7,536
1984	357.96	9,304

The original investors are now enjoying a gross yield of 23.6 per cent on their investment. Their capital has increased in value by over 375 per cent.

FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

STUDENTS

Endsleigh's drive for cheaper insurance

If you are a student, insuring your car can be at best a nightmare. At worst, totally impossible. But Endsleigh, which specializes in the student market, has come up with some remarkable quotes for student motor insurance.

The table shows that even an 18-year-old with only two months of qualified driving experience can obtain fully comprehensive insurance for a five-year-old car at a cost of only £268 a year for a male, or £342 if you are a woman.

What is the catch? "There is none," says Mr George Spragg, marketing manager of Endsleigh, which has specialized for years in student insurance and is now moving into other professional group insurances. "We have made a decision to go into graduate unions and the Civil Service, as well as students," says Mr Spragg.

There are restrictions on the cover - the first £100 of every claim has to be found by the motorist, and only the insured can drive the car. But so sure is Endsleigh that

CAR INSURANCE QUOTATIONS

● A student, aged 18, living in London; driving 1979 Ford Escort, 1100; comprehensive cover; full licence two months; no-claims bonus; insured only to drive.

Endsleigh 12-month premium:	Male	Female	Premium	Excess
			£242	£100

● A civil servant, aged 21, living in Leeds; driving 1982 Mini; comprehensive cover; full licence four years with two years no-claims bonus; insured only to drive.

Endsleigh 12-month premium:	Male	Female	Premium	Excess
			£120	£100
				reduced to £50 if married

● A police officer, aged 26, living in Birmingham; driving 1980 Ford Capri GT 1600; comprehensive cover; full licence six years; no-claims bonus reduced by previous insurer to two years following fault accident in 1983; insured only to drive.

Endsleigh 12-month premium:	Male	Female	Premium	Excess
			£100	£25
				reduced to £20

● A lecturer, aged 36, living in Leicester; driving 1983 BMW 316; comprehensive cover; full licence 12 years; five+ years no-claims bonus; insured only to drive.

Endsleigh 12-month premium:	Male	Female	Premium	Excess
			£280	£50

its rate cannot be bettered that it is prepared to guarantee to a student with a policy due to be renewed before July 31 a lower premium than that paid to the existing insurer. The only conditions are that the driver has had no more than one serious conviction; that they have been no more than one claim in the last three years; and that the driver holds a current UK driving licence. This guarantee has been offered to over 500,000 students during the past few months.

CHARGE CARDS

Amex offers credit option

Is American Express going down market? Are their cardmembers getting poorer? Latest promotion to cardholders is the offer of finance for holiday and travel expenditure at the relatively low cost of 19.5 per cent - roughly on a par with bank personal loan rates.

The new Travel Payment Option is described as a facility to help smooth out peaks in payments. You fill in the application for an advance and send it to American Express Finance (UK). The advance is credited by the finance company direct to your American Express card account.

Your application is processed, says American Express, within 48 hours and the amount credited to your card account on a date specified by you. The

loan from the finance company can be repaid over six, nine, 12, 18 or 24 months by bank standing order from your current account. Loans are in multiples of £100 with a £500 minimum.

This finance facility is a new departure for American Express, which up to now has insisted that all outstanding balances on the card account are paid in full at the end of each month.

Amex is not a credit card, but a charge card, though this new facility gives it many of the advantages of the conventional credit card but at a cheaper interest rate than that charged by Access or Visa, both of which work out at over 23 per cent. Amex American Express card.

holders having difficulty in settling their accounts in full at the end of each month? "No - there is no suggestion at all that this is a reaction to cardmembers not paying," an Amex spokesman said. "The scheme has been on trial for some time now and will be extended to all cardholders later."

"This is an extra service for cardmembers which our research shows they have found helpful. If it goes successfully, then it will be extended to all cardmembers. But it is still possible now for any cardmember to apply for the new facility," Amex says. Full details from American Express, P.O. Box 70, Edward Street, Brighton BN2 1ZT. (Tel: Brighton (0273) 696933).

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Prices and yields are published daily in leading newspapers. The annual charge is 1% - VAT of the value of the fund. The trust deed includes powers to increase the charge to a maximum of 1% if necessary. The initial charge (included in the offer price) is 5%.

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Account Number _____

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

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MONTHLY INCOME FUND

FAMILY MONEY

Canada trust offer

Hambros Bank Unit Trust Managers is offering a Canadian Unit Trust to investors with £1,000 or more to put away. As the fourth largest stock market in the world, Canada has not received the attention which we feel it merits and the new trust offers easy access to this neglected investment area. Mr. Jasper Oliver, the managing director, said.

The new Conservative Government is emphasizing the fact that Canada is now open for business and has recently tabled a new investment Canada Bill, encouraging foreign investment.

Details can be obtained from Hambros Bank Unit Trust Managers, 41 Bishopsgate, London EC2P 2AA.

Inheritance trust

Yet another version of the popular inheritance trust, which are designed to avoid Capital Transfer Tax, has been launched by Touche Remnant, the fund manager, in conjunction with Norwich Union.

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may not be suitable, or among the best performers.

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Accident card

What did you do last time a motorist went into the back of your car on an icy road? A survey carried out by Legal & General revealed that most people panicked. Almost two in five would not ask for the other driver's name, some 30 per cent were not prepared to ask for the name of the other driver's insurer and only 8 per cent would remember to take note of any road signs, markings and the position of the car.

Legal & General has produced an if you have an accident card, which carries a list of do's and don'ts. Whether or not people will remember to consult this piece of plastic is another matter, but anything which helps cut down road accidents is worth a try.

The card is available free from Legal & General, Temple Court, 11 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 4TP. Tel: 01 236 1923.

Courses for women

Miss Susan Feldman an enterprising young collector, has put together some courses on money, specifically for women. Money Matters half-day seminars are to be held on London in March and April and include such topics as "An Introduction to Stocks and Shares" (March 7), "Women and Money - Budget Special" (March 23), "Marriage and Divorce" (April 27) and "Your Money and the Law" (April 27). Miss Feldman's team includes experts on tax and insurance, Miss Celia Dorech, a chartered accountant, Miss Pauline Hedges, a bank manager and Miss Ailsa Beyer, a stock broker.

Further details from: Miss Susan Feldman, Walton on Thames (0832) 221265.

Covenants fear

Fear and greed are said to be the motivating factors behind investment decisions. The insurance companies are making a great deal of mileage out of people's fear of what the Chancellor might do away with in his coming Budget. "Could covenants be next?" asks Continental Life in its latest monthly review, in an attempt to whip up enthusiasm for covenants linked to an investment in a Continental Life policy.

It seems unlikely that the Government will seek to remove the benefits of covenants in the process of



"For a bargain price, it has an exceptionally open outlook, very quiet neighbours, and it qualifies for this month's special offer - absolutely free flood insurance."

Lazards launch

Many experts believe that European companies are underrated and that this is the area to look at for profits in the

coming year. Lazards Brothers & Co. which is launching an offshore fund specializing in this area, said: "We are confident that a transformation in European economies is not only partially reflected in the stock markets of continental Europe."

The portfolio of the new fund will be weighted in favour of undervalued companies with above average growth potential in the smaller and less researched markets in continental Europe and Scandinavia, says Lazards.

The fund is denominated in US dollars and the minimum subscription is \$1,000. Full details can be had from Lazards Brothers & Co, 21 Moorgate, London EC2P 2HT. Tel: 01-588 2721.

Midland offer

Midland Bank is offering free business banking to already established businesses to customers who top up their accounts in credit to any bank taking part in the Enterprise Allowance Scheme, operated by the Manpower Services Commission.

The scheme was set up to help unemployed people create their own job. To qualify you have to have been unemployed or under formal notice of redundancy, for at least 13 weeks, be receiving unemployment or supplementary benefit and be able to show that you have £1,000 available to invest in the new business. Successful

applicants are given an Enterprise Allowance of £40 a week for a year while they are building up their business.

Anyone on the Enterprise Allowance Scheme will be offered free banking - regardless of whether their account is in credit or overdrawn, during the 52 week period of the Enterprise Allowance.

NatWest launch

High interest cheque book accounts are the flavour of the month for any self-respecting financial institution and NatWest is latest in the long line of launches.

The minimum balance to open a NatWest Special Reserve Account is £2,000. The interest paid on deposits of between £2,000 and £10,000 is 11.75 per cent, rising to 12 per cent once you reach £10,000.

The account cannot be used like a current account because the minimum deposit or withdrawal is £250. However, holders of a Special Reserve Account who also have an ordinary current account will qualify for free banking so long as the current account is kept in credit.

The account is not however such an attractive offer as C.I. Bank Savings Cheque Plus account which provides full cheque book facilities (with no restrictions on the amount of cheques made out) and offers money market interest rates.

INSURANCE

GA starts unit linked schemes

General Accident, best known for its household and motor insurance policies, has always offered life policies, through its subsidiary Yorkshire General, but is now expanding into the unit linked and savings field with the launch of three investment plans.

Then new schemes are a single premium investment bond called the Escalator Investment Bond, the Personal Retirement Bonus Plan and the Executive Bonus Plan.

Investors can choose any six of ten unit-linked funds, including a UK Equity Fund, Japan Smaller Companies, Managed Fixed Interest, Index Linked, Cash Deposit, Property, International, American or Japan funds. As with similar products, there is a facility to switch all or part of the investment between funds, though holdings cannot be held in more than six funds at any one time.

The drawback is that the charges seem a little steep. There is the usual front-end charge of 5 per cent, with an additional "rounding" charge of not more than 1 per cent. On top of this there is the annual management charge of 0.75 per cent, again fairly standard, but there is also a fee of £12 a year for each bond bought. However, life assurance cover that is not needed is not obligatory, but an optional extra.

The unit-linked funds are to be managed by Edinburgh Fund Managers, in which General Accident has a 10 per cent stake.

Minimum investment in the investment bond or pension policies is £1,000, or £250 a year for regular premium investments.

Details from General Accident Linked Life Assurance Limited, 20-24 Addiscombe Road, Croydon, CR9 5BS. Tel: 01 686 0411.

SHARE FLOTATION

Out of pocket with Telecom application

As British Telecom shares soared to another record high this week, there are still some investors, surprising as it may seem, who are not at all happy about the way the issue has gone. One of them is Mr Alan Barnett, the payroll and pensions administrator at British Aerospace, itself ironically one of the Government's privatization success stories.

Through no fault of his own, Mr Barnett fears he could end up badly out of pocket as a result of trying to buy BT shares. So far he has bought 87 shares. So far he has bought 87 shares. So far he has bought 87 shares.

Mr Barnett's cautionary tale goes like this. He, his wife and his daughter all applied for shares in the BT issue - a total of 3,600 shares. Though they did not get all the shares they wanted, their applications were accepted and their three cheques - totalling £1,300 - were cashed, two facts which have since been confirmed in writing by the registrar's departments of two of the receiving banks in the issue, Lloyds and Bank of Scotland.

The problem is that the letters of acceptance acknowledging Mr Barnett's and his family's title to the shares never arrived. They are presumed to have been lost in the post, something which the Bank of Scotland's registrar told Mr Barnett had been the common occurrence.

There is a procedure for obtaining a duplicate letter of acceptance - but there is also a catch - to get the duplicate you have to sign a form indemnifying British Telecom and the bank from any claim that might arise on the missing acceptance letter, for example if it was stolen and sold to an innocent third party.

Not unreasonably, Mr Barnett objects to this. He says he has been given legal advice that



Mr Barnett trying to sort out issues over the telephone

If he signs - and a claim is made - he could end up having to buy more shares in the market which at today's heady price (125p) against the 50p issue price could be an expensive option.

My family and I are out of pocket to the tune of £1,300

Until and unless he signs, however, the banks are refusing to issue any duplicate acceptance letters. What is more, without the indemnity, they would not even send him a refund for the shares he failed to get in the original scaling down of applications. The benefit of

the interest on that money is going to the banks.

Legally Mr Barnett cannot say he does not want his British Telecom shares after all since his application was contractually binding.

Mr Barnett is not pleased. "My family and I are out of pocket to the tune of £1,300 and so far we have nothing to show for it. If we do sign the form to ensure we get our refund and new letters of acceptance, we have got to take the risk having to pay for the shares twice over."

The banks, however, are standing firm. They say they are not to blame if the letters have gone missing.

Jonathan Davis

A forced move could be of benefit

Taxpayers are missing out on a little known tax benefit which has been granted to civil servants, but is also available to anyone who is obliged by his or her employer to change job location.

When the company you work for decides that it wants to move you to another location there is not a lot that can be done. The disruption is not always limited to the traditional problems associated with moving house, and going to an entirely different community.

In cases where the move is from an area where the cost of housing is low, such as the North of England, to a higher priced area, such as London, it can result in a substantial additional financial burden.

There is a little known Revenue practice which allows employees who are forced to move by their

company a tax free allowance of up to £474 a year.

It is essential that the property into which you move is of a similar standard to that where you previously lived. If you move from a two-bedroom flat to a four-bedroom detached house the benefit will not be allowed. There is bound to be a degree of subjectivity in terms of assessing the quality of the area into which you move but generally the rule is that if you move from a three-bedroom semi-detached house in Dartington to a three-bedroom detached house in Hampstead then the allowance will be available.

This practice has not been widely publicized. To qualify for the relief, which will range from between £237 and £474, the employee must be asked to move by his company. Naturally, it is also

necessary to move to a more expensive part of the country. The Revenue monitors house prices regularly and the level of tax free allowance will be based on guidelines derived from these prices.

The allowance is granted over a five-year period and reduces annually on a sliding scale. It only applies, however, to the additional mortgage repayments or house rental payments which are incurred as a result of the move.

This allowance is totally separate from the traditional concessions which are associated with the physical process of moving. It is already widely known and accepted that removal expenses paid for by the company will not be assessed by the Revenue as a benefit in kind on the employee.

One of the reasons why this particular allowance is not

widely known is that it is classified by the Revenue as a practice. It is therefore, not embodied in legislation or made known publicly through the extra statutory concession process.

Reference to the practice has been made in some tax guides but has often escaped unnoticed because the general principles of the allowance tend to contradict the traditional approach to taxation.

If you are likely to be asked by your employer to move it is therefore worth inquiring about the allowance. It is clear that the conditions attached to it are quite strict and in order to avoid missing the allowance on a technicality it is advisable for the company to approach the Revenue to establish the exact terms which must be applied in order for employees to qualify.

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A rosy decade for the top

If you had invested £100 in a building society ordinary share account 10 years ago it would now be worth £213.57 - but if that £100 had been invested with the best performing unit trust for more than 10 years it would be worth 10 times that amount of £2,220.

Ten years of bullish stock markets have given unit trusts a 10-year performance figure. But it would still have been possible to invest that £100 with the worst performing unit trust over 10 years. Duncan Lawrie Growth, and see the investment fail to keep up with basic instant access building society account, growing to just £194.40.

The top 10 are a mixed bag - there are a couple of growth funds, two equity funds, two recovery funds, a capital fund and, ironically, three income funds.

But Mr Andrew Cherniavsky, manager of Prolific's High Income Fund, which was the eighth best performer overall, admits he aimed for capital growth. "We went for capital growth in the hope that income growth would follow. If you look for high income capital growth might not follow on."

Looking for a bid target is like seeking a needle in a haystack

You can always buy income growth if you need it.

The yield on this fund is running at about 8 per cent, with dividends up 40 per cent in the last year.

Unlike many managers with funds in the 10-year top 10, Mr Cherniavsky is willing to take a



Mr. Andrew Cherniavsky, manager of Prolific's High Income Fund.

short-term view on some stocks. "We are following a defensive policy the higher the market gets, but that's not to say that we are not getting sucked into speculative situations for short-term gain. I would be wrong to be pessimistic."

Mr Colin Callegari, who runs Schroders £52 million income fund, has also not been aiming centrally for income. He is looking to manufacturing industry to take advantage of the cheap pound.

"There is still mileage in engineering, financial, banking and general insurance companies." His fund has pursued a policy of seeking out undervalued stocks with a high yield and these have proved to be good bets for takeover bids.

But as Miss Kirsty MacMaster, the manager of Allied's Recovery Fund, points out,



Mr. Andrew Cherniavsky, manager of Prolific's High Income Fund.

looking specifically for bid targets is like looking for the proverbial needle in a haystack. She runs a high turnover trust which until nearly a year ago was managed by Mr Harvey Littlefair, deputy managing director of Allied.

'Dealing actively with a short list is a recipe for disaster'

There are few pure recovery stocks in her books - she prefers to find companies where profits have already recovered but the market has not yet recognized them. She has turned her back on Dunlop because it has shot to a "stilly price" but she has plumped for the giant GEC

because she believes it is undervalued. For the future, she is looking at the construction sector, textiles and oil stocks. "They are so-bombed-out with low ratings and good yields, that although the macro picture on oil prices is not too good, it is a genuine recovery situation."

Antony Milford, who until recently ran Framlington's Income Fund, said the fund is suffering from its own success because when it was small it could invest more easily in small companies offering high yields but now that it stands at more than £30 million pounds it is forced to invest in larger companies.

But as compensation, the smaller companies no longer offer such attractive yields. Like all the other successful income funds the policy was never to go

Overall best performing unit trusts over 10 years - £100 invested to 1.1.85

Fund	£
1 Framlington Capital	2220.1
2 Perpetual American Growth	1856.4
3 Framlington Income	1702.0
4 Schroder UK Equity	1701.6
5 Friends Prov Equity	1670.2
6 Confederation Growth	1573.3
7 Schroder Income	1495.3
8 Prolific High Income	1445.6
9 Allied Recovery	1433.7
10 M & G Recovery	1415.4

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1 Target Investment Trust	1037.7
2 Oppenheimer Practical	1001.8
3 Barclays Financial	971.5
4 M & G Fund of Int Trusts	821.4
5 James Finlay Inv Trusts	812.3
Income Fund	£
1 Framlington Income	1702.0
2 Schroder Income	1495.3
3 Prolific High Income	1445.6
4 Gartmore Income	1314.2
5 M & G Dividend	1216.9
Overseas Fund	£
1 Perpetual Growth	1856.4
2 Bishopsgate Int'l	1280.7
3 Henderson Japan	1223.7
4 GT Japan and General	1143.5
5 Oppenheimer Int Growth	1114.1
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1 Framlington Capital	2220.1
2 Schroder UK Equity	1701.6
3 Friends Provident Equity	1670.2
4 Norwich Union Group	1343.1
5 Equitable Pelican	1240.5
Specialist Fund	£
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Framlington, like Schroders, has two funds in the 10 year top 10. The Framlington Capital Fund is the chart topper and stands at a respectable 26 in the one-year ratings as well.

Mr Bill Stuttford of Framlington who has managed the fund throughout owes part of his success to being fully invested when the market hit rock bottom at Christmas 1974. "We may have looked silly on the way down on the way up we already had some good shares

situations seeking out stocks that everybody else believes are washed up. The shares are cheap and you can get a supply," he says cheerfully. But it is the sort of high risk fund that should constitute no more than 10 per cent of an individual's portfolio. There are no quick profits, he says. His largest holding at the moment is in Midland Bank.

Confederation Growth Fund also takes a long-term view, but Mr Nigel Beidas, who has managed the fund for the past three years, puts great emphasis on fundamental research to find stocks with long-term performance. The fund is 98 per cent invested in the United Kingdom.

The rise in Japanese and American unit trusts is not reflected in the 10 year figures as most of them were not in existence 10 years ago. But Perpetual's Growth Fund, which is ranked second over 10 years, is an international fund 40 per cent in Japan and the rest in Australia, Germany, France and Hong Kong.

"Ours is a solid, almost blue chip fund," said Perpetual's marketing director, Mr Roger Cornick. It looks for steady long-term growth. In recent years it has bought into Woolworths, Glaxo and GEC.

"We realized that the high street value of Woolworth's property exceeded the entire capitalization of the company," Mr Cornick believes that the

Government's success in bringing inflation to heel should be reflected in corporate profits this year and it looks as if the US budget deficit is going to be tackled. "We are cautiously optimistic," he said.

But Mr Michael Hardy, group investment manager of Friends Provident whose equity trust stands at number five in the charts is worried about the short-term prospects for the British market.

The market is reaching new peaks while interest rates have just been hiked by 2 per cent. He prefers to look at the long-

A preference for the long-term prospects in a rising market

term and compares his performance to that of the FT all share index. And well he might - over the 10 years £100 with Friends Equity fund would have grown to £1,670.20 while the FT index would only have boosted it to £1,301.90.

John Govett, who runs Schroders £100 million UK Equity Fund, looks towards large blue chip companies with a bias towards recovery stocks for growth. He is relaxed about the economic but goes not expect to see the big returns of the past few years in 1985.

Vivien Goldsmith

Going for genuine recovery and seeking out the unpopular stocks

and didn't have to join the scramble in."

He believes in having a long list of stocks - presently 153 - so when he goes on a buying spree he is not tempted to sell sound stocks.

"Dealing actively with a short list is a recipe for disaster. You need a lot of sleepers. You never know when they are going to start performing."

Mr David Tucker who runs M & G's Recovery Fund, has 114 stocks in his £120 million fund. The disasters stay in the portfolio "like tombstones."

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1982/83	£160.49	£503.92	£2,276.10
1983/84	£195.96	£615.80	£2,765.46

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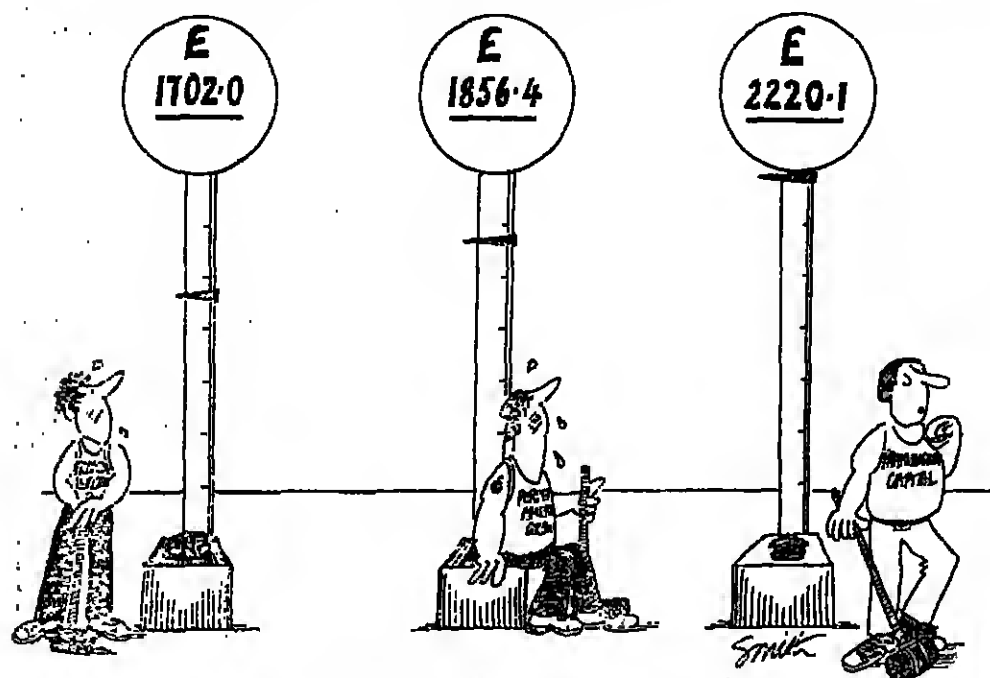
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Year to 31 DECEMBER	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1965	£396	£536	10,200	10,000
1970	463	650	10,760	10,000
1975	828	871	16,300	10,000
1980	1,660	1,200	24,280	10,000
1984	2,018	853	54,300	10,000

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic rate tax. The Building Society income figures are 1% above the average of the rates offered in each year (Source: Building Societies Association). M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values.

On 16th January 1985 offered prices, and estimated gross current yields were:

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Recovery Fund 231.2p 9p 9.75-8p 3.94%

SECOND General 514.4p 9p 9.75-8p 3.89%

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Distributions: 15 Jan 20 Feb 15 Feb 15 Aug

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1975	£891	£21,782
1976	£1,135	£19,739
1977	£1,357	£29,605
1978	£1,506	£31,304
1979	£1,917	£27,652
1980	£2,187	£27,173
1981	£1,978	£30,261
1982	£2,065	£34,521
1983	£2,109	£44,565
1984	£2,261	£57,261

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FAMILY MONEY

Scientific approach wins



David McDaniel: Little detailed knowledge, but "Japan has a good economy, so it seemed a sensible choice"

The winners of *The Times* Unit Trust competition for 1984 include a schoolboy aged 16, the director of a firm of public relations and a professional fund manager.

Unlike last year's winners, all of whom selected a somewhat random choice, this year's winners of the £500 first prize were all more scientific in their approach, with strong reasons for their choice of funds.

But none of them picked the best performer of all, FS Balanced Growth, which scored an astonishing 83.2 per cent increase in value over the 11-month period of the competition, though it was helped by being new and relatively small.

The next best performer, also overlooked by the winners, was Manulife's High Income fund, which clocked up a 45 per cent increase by taking advantage of economic recovery in Britain and the steady advance of the stock market.

Mr Leo Cavendish, a director of Good Relations PR company, beat all others with his choice of Touche Remnant Smaller Companies Fund, which he backed because of its detailed knowledge.

"Touche Remnant is one of our clients, so I was betting on one of my own horses."

But his choice was also based on market judgement. "The basic arguments for a smaller company fund are always sound," Mr Cavendish said. "There is scope for fast growth and for takeovers, both of which drive up the share values."

"Any growth in these companies tends to be reflected in their earnings quite dramatically. The prospect of further economic recovery in 1984 increased the likelihood of strong growth among these companies."

The Touche Remnant fund was also, Mr Cavendish believes, well constructed to take advantage of the possibilities. It can hold shares of companies on the unlisted securities market, and also shares of larger companies as

about an individual fund. "I don't know much about the Fidelity Fund itself. I just chose my funds randomly after studying the list," he said.

On the same basis, he picked his second choice, GT Japan and general trust, which did not quite match Fidelity's Japan fund, and GT US and General.

Though he was right in believing the US economy would continue to perform strongly, he was caught out by its stock market, which was decidedly weak in 1984. Miss Mary Blair, winner of the professionals' section, chose Fidelity Japan on very precise grounds she actually worked for Fidelity Unit Trust Managers.

"Japan looked good at the beginning of the year," she said. "Moreover, its stock market is no longer regarded as being speculative and the yen looked under-valued, so I expected some currency gain there."

But more important than this, she said, was that she knew the fund and had confidence in its management. "Our Japan fund is actively managed, switching from sector to sector when necessary. I felt that this approach would work well in Japan in 1984."

She said that picking your market was important, but picking your fund managers was at least as crucial. "If one fund or one group does consistently well it is better to stay with it."

John's School, Leatherhead, plumped for Japan after studying past unit performance. "I don't know much about stocks and shares," he claimed, "but Japan seemed to do well."

"I entered the competition with three Japan funds last time and they produced high returns. Besides, Japan has a good economy, so it seemed a sensible choice," he said. His knowledge of shares is limited to a passing interest in his father's investments.

He did not have Mr Cavendish's advantage of knowing

"The unit trust experts' selections 1984"				
Panel Member	First Choice		Second Choice	
Jamie Berry Berry Asset Management	F & C Far East	108.8	Henderson Global Technology	100.9
Peter Edwards Premier Unit Trust Brokers	Henderson Japan Special Situations	114.8	Schroder Japan Smaller Cos	126.5
Peter Hargreaves Hargreaves Lansdown	Perpetual American Growth	108.3	Fidelity Japan	134.3
Mark Searle Richards Longstaff Unit Trust Portfolio Management	GT Far East	102.6	Mercury American Growth	105.7
*Value of £100 invested for 11 months to January 1, 1985 - offer to offer price basis.				

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FAMILY MONEY MARKET

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Hong Kong's economy is expected to grow by around 9% in 1985. Interest rates have fallen from 19% to 11% and look set to go lower. The property sector, a key indicator of improving business confidence is showing a rapidly improving trend. However, it is the potential impact of increasing trade with China which offers the most exciting prospect for Hong Kong.

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FAMILY MONEY

but misses the high fliers

because it means the management is good.

She maintains that it is all very well trying to pick the best performing fund in order to win a competition, but real investors are better going for consistency rather than the high-fliers.

She was, however, disappointed with her third choice, the Fidelity Gil and Fixed Interest Trust, which grew by only 5 per cent. "I had expected interest rates to fall more than they in fact did last year. But I still think it will do well this year," she said optimistically.

Overall, our contestants did well with their choices - our panel of experts did not get past the starting line by comparison. There was very little to choose between the panel members' first choices.

Mr Peter Edwards, of Premier Unit Trust Brokers, took the lead with Henderson Japan Special Situations, which notched up a 14.8 per cent gain. Worst performer was Mr Mark Searle, of Richards, Langstaff, whose choice of G1 Far East showed a miserable 2.0 per cent gain over the 11 months.

The rules of the competition - only the first choice is taken into consideration unless there is a tie - do make it difficult. Mr Peter Hargreaves, of Hargreaves Lansdown, like two of our contestants, also picked Fidelity Japan - but it was his second choice.

Similarly, Peter Edwards's second choice of Schroder Japan turned in a better performance, with a 26.5 per cent gain, than his first choice of Henderson Japan Special Situations.

Overall loser is Mr Searle. He is removed from the panel and replaced this year by Mr Charles Fry, of Johnson Fry.



Mr Edwards, backed his own inside knowledge. Miss Mary Blair felt it crucial to pick successful fund managers.

COMPETITION WINNERS

General	Professional advisers	Under 18's
Mr J J Cavendish (London)	Mr M Blair (London)	Mr D McDermott (Surrey)
Mr R L Evans (W Sussex)	Mr A Nicholson (Bristol)	Miss B Christian (London)
Mr R K Rogers (Cheshire)	Mr A Summicks (Bristol)	Miss R Kneale (Warrington)
Their Chances and Value at December 31, 1984		
Mr J J Cavendish Fidelity Gil and Fixed Int	Mr M Blair Fidelity Japan Trust	Mr D McDermott Fidelity Japan
143.0	134.3	134.3
120.2	118.4	120.2
92.0	105.0	93.6
358.2	355.7	348.1
Mr R L Evans Schroder Japan Special Sit	Mr A Nicholson Schroder Japan Special Sit	Miss B Christian Fidelity Japan
134.3	126.5	134.3
126.5	83.7	119.7
392.0	309.4	115.8
Mr R K Rogers Henderson Japan Special Sit	Mr A Summicks Henderson Japan Special Sit	Miss R Kneale Fidelity Japan
134.2	124.4	134.3
126.5	114.8	106.8
144.8	118.4	113.2
75.8	357.8	354.3

HOW TO ENTER

Enter *The Times* Unit Trust Competition, 1985 and you could be the lucky winner of £500, £250 and £100. There are three categories - General, Professional Adviser and Under 18s and there will be three prizes in each. Just pick the unit trust you believe will outperform all

others over the coming months to the end of the year. To help you make your choice we are including this week, and next, the performance figures showing how unit trusts fared over the period of our competition last year. Next week there will be another entry form and we

will also be revealing what our panel of experts are tipping for the coming year. Just fill in the entry form below.

You are allowed three choices but only your first choice will be considered unless there is a tie, in which case second and third selec-

tions will be taken into account. In the unlikely event that there is still more than one winner, the tie-breaker will be invoked. Only entries on official entry forms will be accepted and they must arrive at *The Times* not later than January 31 1985.

The Times Unit Trust Competition 1985

1. Competitors are invited to use their skill and judgement to select three UK authorised unit trusts (not offshore funds) in existence as at January 1985 which they believe will outperform all others during 1985.
2. Competitors will be required to make a first, second and third choice, but the winner will be the competitor whose first choice is the best performing unit trust. Second and third choices will be taken into account only in the event of a tie. In the event of there still being more than one winner the tie-breaker will be invoked.
3. Entries will be limited to one per person and must be made on official entry forms printed in *The Times*. Photocopies are not acceptable.
4. Opening prices will be those published on Friday, February 1, 1985. Closing prices will be those of Tuesday, December 31st, 1985.
5. In the event of unit trusts merging, final performance will be calculated as performance to the date of merger, plus performance of the merged trust to the end of the competition period.
6. Performance will be monitored by *Planned Savings* Magazine and is based on an offer to offer price basis, net income reinvested.
7. Entries must be received by Thursday 31 January, at the office of *The Times*.
8. Proof of posting will not be accepted as evidence of receipt.
9. Employees of *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sunday Express*, and their families are not eligible to enter.
10. The editors' decision in all matters is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

The unit trust I believe will perform best in 1985 is:

First choice: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Category (Please tick appropriate line)

General ☐ Professional Adviser ☐ Under 18 years ☐

I, the undersigned, estimate that the value of £100 invested in the unit trust of my first choice will be worth £ _____ (net income reinvested) on Tuesday December 31st 1985.

Send your completed entry form to: *The Times* Newspapers Ltd., PO Box 7, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ. To arrive not later than Thursday 31st January 1985.

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18-30	18-34	£52,000	£82,000	£112,000
31-35	35-39	£49,367	£77,848	£106,229
36-40	40-44	£46,827	£70,500	£97,500
41-45	45-49	£44,414	£63,500	£87,500
46-50	50-54	£42,138	£57,476	£80,500
51-55	55-59	£40,000	£51,680	£70,500
60-64	64-68	£38,000	£46,415	£63,396
69-73	73-77	£36,000	£41,584	£56,736
78-82	82-86	£34,000	£37,272	£50,500
87-91	91-95	£32,000	£33,333	£45,723
96-100	100-104	£30,000	£29,782	£40,677
105-109	109-113	£28,000	£26,623	£36,363
114-118	118-122	£26,000	£23,745	£32,432
123-127	127-131	£24,000	£21,206	£28,965
132-136	136-140	£22,000	£18,952	£25,885
141-145	145-149	£20,000	£16,918	£23,108
150-154	154-158	£18,000	£15,147	£20,689
159-163	163-167	£16,000	£13,656	£18,551
168-172	172-176	£14,000	£12,349	£16,667
177-181	181-185	£12,000	£11,131	£15,023
186-190	190-194	£10,000	£10,000	£13,568
195-199	199-203	£8,000	£8,971	£12,253
204-208	208-212	£6,000	£8,049	£11,094
213-217	217-221	£4,000	£7,159	£10,000
222-226	226-230	£2,000	£6,309	£9,000
231-235	235-239	£1,000	£5,491	£8,000
240-244	244-248	£500	£4,713	£7,000
249-253	253-257	£250	£4,069	£6,000
258-262	262-266	£125	£3,541	£5,000
267-271	271-275	£62.5	£3,113	£4,500
276-280	280-284	£31.25	£2,777	£4,000
285-289	289-293	£15.625	£2,500	£3,500
294-298	298-302	£7.8125	£2,273	£3,000
303-307	307-311	£3.90625	£2,091	£2,500
312-316	316-320	£1.953125	£1,945	£2,000
321-325	325-329	£976.5625	£1,823	£1,500
330-334	334-338	£488.28125	£1,721	£1,000
339-343	343-347	£244.140625	£1,634	£500
348-352	352-356	£122.0703125	£1,561	£250
357-361	361-365	£61.03515625	£1,500	£125
366-370	370-374	£30.517578125	£1,449	£62.5
375-379	379-383	£15.2587890625	£1,406	£31.25
384-388	388-392	£7.62939453125	£1,371	£15.625
393-397	397-401	£3.814697265625	£1,343	£7.8125
402-406	406-410	£1.9073486328125	£1,321	£3.90625
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420-424	424-428	£476.83715625	£1,292	£976.83715625
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447-451	451-455	£59.60464453125	£1,262	£122.10464453125
456-460	460-464	£29.802322265625	£1,254	£61.052322265625
465-469	469-473	£14.9011611328125	£1,247	£30.5261611328125
474-478	478-482	£7.45058056640625	£1,241	£15.26308056640625
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519-523	523-527	£0.2328306427001953125	£1,226	£0.47697127001953125
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825-829	829-833	£0.000000000013552527100557654194437513923203125	£1,226	£0.000000000027695022562777654194437513923203125
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843-847	847-851	£0.00000000000338813177513938854861184328125	£1,226	£0.0000000000069237556406938854861184328125

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THE TIMES Portfolio

DAILY DIVIDEND £2,000

Claims required for +44 points

WEEKLY DIVIDEND £20,000

Claims required for +131 points

No.	Company	Year paid or lost
DRAPERY & STORES		
1	Homecharm	
2	Grattan	
3	Castlet (S)	
4	House of Fraser	
5	Coats (Furn) 'A'	
6	Marks & Spencer	
7	Goldsmit's GP	
8	Etam	
9	Deans	
10	Waring & Gillow	
BUILDING & ROADS		
11	Bt Dredging	
12	Cornale	
13	Cement/Roadstone	
14	Higgs & Hill	
15	French Kier	
16	Magner & South	
17	Carr (J) Doncaster	
18	Burnes & Hallam	
19	Aberdeen Constr	
20	Turriff	
ELECTRICALS		
21	Gruvator	
22	Electronic Mach	
23	Lec Refrigeration	
24	Logica	
25	Farnell Elec	
26	Highland Elec	
27	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	
28	Plessey	
29	Udal Lonsing	
30	Memec	
INDUSTRIALS L-R		
31	Metal Closures	
32	Robinson (Thomas)	
33	JCF	
34	Vank Org	
35	Melton	
36	Reed Int	
37	Lilleshall	
38	Russell (A)	
39	Remold	
40	Ratcliffe (G) Bridge	

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

1984/85 High	1984/85 Low	Company	1984/85 High	1984/85 Low
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
100	95	Debenhams	100	95

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1984/85 High	1984/85 Low	Company	1984/85 High	1984/85 Low
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
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UNDATED

1984/85 High	1984/85 Low	Company	1984/85 High	1984/85 Low
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
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INDEX-UNITED

1984/85 High	1984/85 Low	Company	1984/85 High	1984/85 Low
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
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BREWERIES

1984/85 High	1984/85 Low	Company	1984/85 High	1984/85 Low
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1984/85 High	1984/85 Low	Company	1984/85 High	1984/85 Low
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
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BUILDING AND ROADS

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100	95	Debenhams	100	95
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FINANCE AND LAND

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HOTELS AND CATERERS

1984/85 High	1984/85 Low	Company	1984/85 High	1984/85 Low
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
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INDUSTRIALS A-D

1984/85 High	1984/85 Low	Company	1984/85 High	1984/85 Low
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
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CINEMAS AND TV

1984/85 High	1984/85 Low	Company	1984/85 High	1984/85 Low
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
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DRAPERY AND STORES

1984/85 High	1984/85 Low	Company	1984/85 High	1984/85 Low
100	95	Debenhams	100	95
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CINEMAS AND TV

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CINEMAS AND TV

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DRAPERY AND STORES

1984/85 High	1984/85 Low	Company	1984/85 High	1984/85 Low
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1990	41	Seasons Lane	36	-3	3.0 2.0
1991	23	Grays Whitworth	21		
1992	30	Scovill (H)	128		
1993	172	Stear & Jackson	108	41	7.0 5.8
1994	44	Stear & Jackson	80		
1995	234	Grays-Sacco	254		
1996	112	Grays-Sacco	100	-1	8.8 3.4
1997	112	Grays-Sacco	52		
1998	109	Grays-Sacco	78		
1999	228	Shaw Group	203		
2000	228	Shaw Group	300		
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FOOTBALL

Celtic given £18,500 fine and a 'silent night' tie

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Celtic were yesterday fined 30,000 Swiss francs (about £18,500) and ordered to stage their next European tie at Parkhead behind closed doors. The punishment was imposed by UEFA after incidents in the second leg of the Cup Winners' Cup second round against Rapid Vienna, replayed at their insistence at Old Trafford last month.

Although the irresponsible actions of two drunken spectators during and immediately after the game cannot be excused, UEFA may feel that it was perhaps not the brightest of ideas to have invited a huge army of Scots to cross the border and invade Manchester. Their reaction to the trouble that subsequently, and not surprisingly, took place is more commendable.

The disciplinary committee have demanded that "the silent night" at Parkhead, which is likely to be a UEFA cup tie next September, should not be

captured live on television, and that the recorded highlights must not exceed three minutes. A spokesman yesterday confirmed that "the idea is to punish the spectators of Celtic, rather than the club itself."

The punishment is new. Two seasons ago Aston Villa opened their defence of the European Cup against Besiktas inside an empty stadium and their followers later caught only a glimpse of their 3-1 win on the small screen.

Nor is it the first time a British club have been hurt by hooligans. Within the last dozen years Rangers and Leeds United have been suspended from European competition, Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United were ordered to play outside their own homes, and more recently West Ham United, as well as Villa, have held matches in front of ghostly audiences. It is a long and shameful record.

Although Celtic will, through

the loss of gate revenue, pay a heavy financial penalty in addition to the fine, they can be considered to have escaped lightly. At the beginning of the season UEFA warned that, in an attempt to curb crowd violence, they would not hesitate to ban any club whose supporters were found guilty of misbehaviour.

As UEFA recognize in Celtic's case, a sentence that affects so many does not necessarily fit a crime committed by so few. It is to be hoped that those who can see through the alcoholic haze, will respond to the judgement. UEFA are unlikely, on any future occasion, to be so generous.

Harrison included

Wayne Harrison, the Oldham forward for whom Liverpool have paid £250,000, is among 49 players called up for England Youth training at Lillieshall from February 2 to 4. Other members of the squad include Jason Doozill, the Ipswich forward.

Chelsea's gamble could pay dividend

By Clive White

Those clubs who will find themselves temporarily redundant this weekend - 72 at the last count - may find in agreement at a decision of remarkable consistency by the French football federation to postpone their entire first division championship, today including some matches that might have gone ahead.

However the French decision to cancel their three-week winter break by another week was taken in the early knowledge that their championship is smaller, their competitors fewer, in England our clubs must grab what chance they have of fitting in an absurdly crowded programme.

Last night 10 Canon Football League clubs were obliged to the hope of skating around the freeze, but only a few could feel confident of staging their fixtures. Highfield Road and Anfield again expect their under-21 teams to undertake the destructive intentions of Jack Frost.

Industrial heaters and plastic sheets helped the Stamford Bridge pitch through yesterday afternoon's inspection and the derby between Chelsea and Arsenal - the only London game in a 90-mile radius - will proceed at 2pm if there is no heavy snowfall.

Their £10,000 gamble on heating costs could pay off with double normal receipts from a 42,000 crowd. Queen's Park Rangers, who held the London stage last week, look record receipts of £80,000 from a crowd of 27,000. Some other who weakly succumbed to the awkward ways of nature may look on cynically.

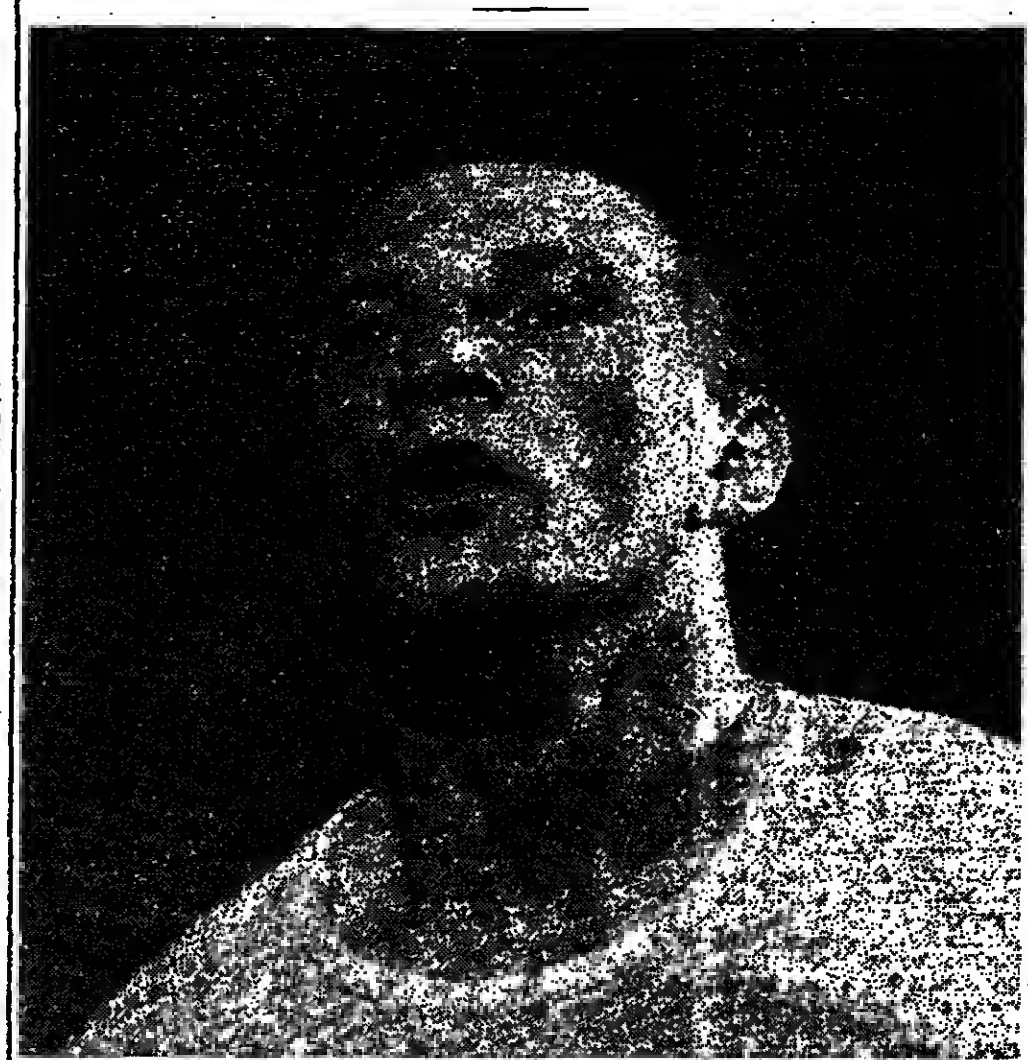
Arsenal, for whom Sansom has recovered from his groin strain, would - if they won - jump over idling Manchester United and Sheffield Wednesday into third place, with the same number of games played. But their recent form, particularly away from home, does not inspire confidence.

Liverpool, not quite the big cats they were, will no doubt play while the others are away and could spring over four clubs by defeating Norwich City, who themselves nurture hopes of reaching the top six.

Ken Brown, the Norwich manager, says his squad are the best he has had at Carrow Road and the travel with some optimism after a win and a draw on their last two visits. But he will be without his injured England defender, Watson, formerly of Liverpool. They may be caught on the rebound by the Merseysiders on their return from the midweek European Super Cup defeat in Turin. Dalgleish returns and Lawrenson may be fit.

Crucial promotion second division matches at the under-21 level have been postponed. Leeds, United and Manchester City are likely to go on and Portsmouth are hopeful of playing at Middlesbrough. Typically, Brian Clough has taken Nottingham Forest to the Canaries where, the Midlands sports writers are holding a celebration party in honour of his 10 years at the City Ground. And equally perverse, Luton Town, too, have flown off to a warmer climate - Iceland, where they are enjoying spring-like temperatures.

BOXING



Jones: cannot afford to let Curry take charge of the proceedings

Jones must come out of shell to break Curry's confidence

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

In the valleys they say that Colin Jones is looking so good that they feel sorry for Don Curry, of the United States, the World Boxing Association champion, who defends his title against the tough Welshman at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, tonight. Eat humble pie in high places say that Jones's task is as monumental as Wales itself.

Apart from Curry's record very little is known in this country about the champion's boxing ability. So far as I know, only six people in Britain have seen Curry in action in the flesh and the pundits have had to lean heavily on American opinion.

The Americas say that he is a Sogor Ray Leonard in the making, though I always believed that Leonard was born out made. They say that he has fast hands and too many shots for the Welshman.

"Watch that right. He draws you into the attacks and whips it over the top. Doesn't waste a blow. The best pound for pound fighter in the world." The hyperboles fight to pre-empt each other until the inquirer feels he has been in the ring with the champion himself.

Jones, on the other hand, the experts say, is too slow, unable to make openings and above all is losing his appetite, is only in it for the money, on the decline, even looking so serene.

One London bookmaker, Ivor Thomas, who sent out an excellent round by round summary of how the bout will unfold, together with prices, said: "When Jones went home to Wales, he went out to be mean when you are fighting for a world title, not looking for a world title with the family." On his bout Curry is 11-4 on and Jones 2-1.

I have lost count of the number of people I have spoken

to about the way the bout will develop and only two have been absolutely certain Jones will win, one of them an eye witness of Curry's exploits.

Most of those who favour Curry expounded at length on what the champion will do to Jones, but one said what would happen when Jones hits Curry. And, surely, Jones, who is pound for pound one of the hardest punchers in the world,

distinguished amateur career with 405 bouts and five or so defeats, Steward, who worked closely with amateurs, said Curry was a very nervous boxer who lacked confidence after a bad defeat by a Cuban, called Aldama, and thereafter had to be steered clear of international bouts as far as possible.

It was clear from Steward's view that a hard veneer of confidence has been built up around the champion and if Jones can crack it, he will win. "Curry is very different these days," Steward said. "He is very good, very accurate, very methodical, never loses a chance. And if Jones stays safe, blocking, blocking, blocking, Curry will stop him. He will go for the body and make Jones bring his guard down."

"If Jones can throw those left hooks from the start, Curry will go on the defensive and Jones will win. But I don't think Jones will come out from behind his guard. Jones should have been the world champion in Las Vegas. He hurt McCrory bad and Milton was dead the next round but Jones did nothing. If Curry wins we will fight him in June, if Jones wins we will take him in the fall."

Curry, in the meantime, has already made his fight plan and is so sure of winning that he does not mind who knows it. "I'll bust him up, cut him up and back him up. He cannot fight going back. For the first couple of rounds I will not go out as fast as I normally do, I will be in the defensive role and I may try and clip him early with something heavy."

"He's a durable guy, but he is at the age when you get kinda worried about some of your abilities starting to fade a little. Jones says he is fighting for his family, his friends and the miners. If you are going to win you have to go for yourself. That's what I will do and I will win inside the distance."

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ALPINE ALCHEMY PRODUCES BRITISH GOLD MEDAL

From Our Special Correspondent

INNSBRUCK, FEB 2

Britain's victory in the two-man bobs yesterday could not have been more exciting if the whole thing had been staged by some high-powered executive in the show business world. Certainly any novelist contemplating it as a theme might well have discarded it as being just a little too much of a good thing.

It may be recalled that A. Nash and R. Dixon had led after the first two runs on Friday by 0.13sec. From the second Italian pair (S. Zardini and R. Bonagura) and 0.21sec. from the first Italian pair (B. Monti and S. Stangorini). This was converted after the third run into a lead of 0.05sec. for Zardini over Nash and Dixon, with Monti a further 0.23sec. behind.

Thus was the scene set for the last, thrilling instalment of Britain's first Winter Olympic gold medal since Miss J. Alway's triumph of 1952. The draw now favoured Nash and Dixon, for they were early starters and the course was becoming progressively more worn. The public address told us that they had made a fast start, but, coming out of the Heizenhessel (Witches' Cauldron) too late, they banged a sidewall and had anything but a smooth ride on the finishing straight. Their time was 1min. 53.8sec. and Nash and Dixon left us in no doubt about their feelings: a scar on their bob, too, bore witness to the potency of the Witches' curse.

They went down below with disappointment written all over them, knowing (at least thinking they knew) that their final time of 4min. 21.9sec. for the four runs could not possibly be good enough. Ten minutes later Zardini made his last run and all too often the words "schnee" (snow) and "schnee" (fast) punctuated the commentary. Then they were in the Heizenhessel and we waited for the commentator to pick up the narrative. "Unruhig" (uneasy) was the next word and Britons looked at one another in wonderment. Soon Zardini was with us and his time 1min. 50.6sec., meaning a total of 4min. 22.0sec. had suddenly transformed Britain's bronze medal into silver by an unexpected piece of Alpine alchemy.

We had now to wait until near the end for Monti, the cooler, more calculating Italian. Once more the announcer told us that the Italians, needing a run of 1min. 54.6sec. to win, had made a good start and were accomplishing the first part of the course well. Then "in den Heizenhessel... unruhig" and British hearts quickened. Then came the intermediate time and someone said, in a tone curiously expressive of both conviction and disbelief, "they can't do it now". So it proved, and when at the finish the disembodied voice intoned: "the minute seche..." there was a roar of triumph that drowned the roar of the British team and their camp followers pounced on Nash and Dixon and lifted them shoulder high. Perfect strangers, as I can personally testify, threw their arms round each other in an ecstasy of delight.

Monti, bless him, had a beaming smile and when Nash, so soon as he could free himself from his admirers, hurried to congratulate him, Monti positively beamed with pride. Just then Dixon's wife, I think, echoed everyone's feelings when, congratulated by the Italian team manager and torn between two conflicting emotions, she asked him, hands thrown helplessly apart, "What can I say? I cannot say I am sorry, and yet..." there still lingered, no doubt, the memory of Monte's magnificent gesture on Friday in replacing the British bob's broken bolt. It was touching.

In retrospect, one notices that Nash and Dixon were strongest where many had expected them to falter: in their consistency. They were the only pair to break 1 min. 50 sec. on all four runs and yet not until the final run did they achieve a best time.

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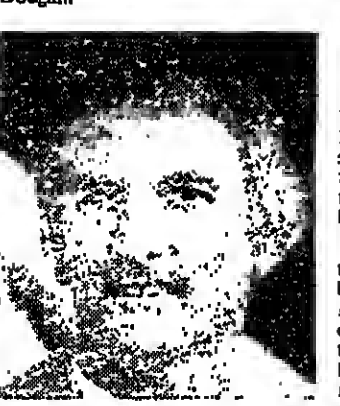
Dougan and director stand down

Wolverhampton Wanderers confirmed yesterday that Derek Dougan, their once popular player, has stood down as chairman of John Starkey, the chief executive with Allied Properties, who own the struggling second division club, has also resigned from the board.

Dougan's resignation comes two and a half years after he led the £2 million takeover by Allied, who saved the club from extinction in the face of large debts.

In a statement confirming the resignations, the club said they wished to emphasize "the owners are not in any negotiations with any parties at the present time." The statement contradicted reports that a wealthy consortium of businessmen were making a £5 million takeover bid for the club.

Dougan, before his resignation, had lost the support of Allied Properties and of his fellow directors apart from Starkey who publicly pledged his support for Dougan.



Dougan: 30-month reign

Aberdeen poised to leave rivals behind

By Hugh Taylor

Celtic's relief on learning yesterday that their punishment for the misbehaviour of supporters at Old Trafford was comparatively light, has been tempered by the cancellation of yet another home Premier Division match.

They have not played competitively since beating Rangers on New Year's Day and their frustration has deepened by the knowledge that Aberdeen, the league leaders, are likely to increase their lead at the top even further this afternoon.

At the moment, Celtic are six points in arrears of Aberdeen, and while a postponement of their match with Heart of Midlothian at Parkhead means they have three games in hand of their rivals, they would prefer to be in the position of the leaders and have the points safely tucked away.

Today, however, they take comfort from the knowledge that they will at least be allowed to play in Europe next season if they qualify from Dumbarton at Easter Road, where the electric blanket has been banned for years having

disappeared with the decision of the UEFA disciplinary committee who have just finished their meeting in Zurich.

Meanwhile, the wintry weather has again taken heavy toll of premier division fixtures. But Aberdeen, refreshed by their break in the Egyptian sunshine and a skilful display against Inverness, a game which ended in a 2-2 draw, are favourites to beat Rangers, and continue to disappointment at Pittodrie.

Rangers will field Derek Johnston, their former captain, who has just returned from Chelsea, in the attack, but Aberdeen, who have regained much of the sharpness which helped them win the championship last season, should consolidate their already comfortable position.

Hibernian, who gained their best result of the season by beating Rangers at Ibrox last week, can edge towards safety by taking two points from Dumbarton at Easter Road, where the electric blanket has ensured football can be played.

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Maltese still in dispute

VALLETTA (Reuters) - The Malta Football Association (MFA) has suspended premier league matches for an indefinite period in response to a strike mounted two weeks ago by the league's eight clubs.

The clubs announced last Sunday that they had called off the strike, but the MFA president, George Abela, said: "We want to hear them declare that they were mistaken and they will have to promise their loyalty to the association. If not, their place is not within this association."

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